

**EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING**

**SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
2006-2007 ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING**

**Outcome:** CSIRO  
**Output Group:** CSIRO

**DEST Question No. E1032\_07**

Senator Carr provided in writing.

**Question:**

Did his "intimate involvement" ever extend to direct discussions with ~~each~~ either Dr Prata or Dr Bernardo?

**Answer:**

CSIRO has provided the following response.

*G-bIRD*

Dr Steele wrote to Dr Bernado on 17 October 2006 in relation to the execution of the patent assignment forms for the US PTO.

Dr Steele had email correspondence with Dr Prata in June, July and September 2006 in relation to an image that appeared on the web site of a US company, Critical Imaging LLC. Dr Steele wrote to Dr Prata on 17 October 2006 in relation to the execution of the patent assignment forms for the US PTO and since that date has had email and letter correspondence with Dr Prata in relation to the patent applications and related issues. In his letter of 31 January 2007, Dr Steele invited Dr Prata to contact him if Dr Prata wished to discuss other aspects, and to date this invitation has not been taken up.