

**EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING**

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

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

**DEST Question No. E1034\_07**

Senator Carr provided in writing.

**Question:**

Dr Steele made the statement to estimates that "CSIRO completed the research phase" of this project. What is his authority for making this statement?

**Answer:**

CSIRO has provided the following response.

*G-bIRD*

This statement does not accurately reflect the evidence given by Dr Steele at the Additional Budget Estimates hearing on 14 February 2007. The evidence given by Dr Steele at the Estimates hearing on 31 May 2006 and at the hearing on 14 February was that engineering and development work remained to be done, and that the commercial partner Tenix understood this and planned to conduct these as part of the process to get a product out to the market.

Furthermore, the statements made by Dr Steele about the G-bIRD project reflect the assessment made by CSIRO.