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

Outcome: CSIRO
Output Group: CSIRO

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Senator Carr provided in writing.

Question:

Did Dr Andrew Johnson's manager for marketing and communications, Angela Kirkman, release incorrect information in May 2005 about water consumption required for growing a kilo of rice (claiming it took 21.000 litres to produce 1kg when in fact the underpinning report concluded that it took between 1500 and 2000 litres)?

Answer:

CSIRO has provided the following response.

Release of information on water consumption and rice growing

Dr Andrew Johnson's manager for marketing and communications, Angela Kirkman, did not release incorrect information. In May 2005 CSIRO launched a research report and accompanying CD. An error on the CD cover, which had not been authored and produced by CSIRO, included incorrect information about the volume of water required to grow a kilo of rice. This error was reported in the media. The correct figure of between 1,500 and 2,000 litres was stated in the written report and on the CD.