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Senator Carr asked on 14 February 2007, EWRE Hansard page 59-60.

Question:

CSIRO Compliance

Senator CARR— Can you show me where in your response to the Murray amendment this project was placed? Is it included in the information? Can you show me where, in terms of CSIRO's response to the Murray amendment, in the information recently provided that I will find this project? This is the Senate audit of the departmental and agency contract for calendar year 2005 compliance. Is that there?

Mr Whelan—I am not sure what you are referring to.

Senator CARR—There is a provision of the Senate resolutions where you are required to provide information on all contracts that the agency has. Was this project on that list?

Mr Whelan—I am not sure. To the best of my knowledge, we comply with Senate requirements, free trade requirements and department of finance requirements to publish purchasing data. I would be surprised if it was not if we are required to. I am happy to take it on notice.

Senator CARR—Can you take that on notice for me and show me on the webpage where I will find this? Could I have a copy of the text that you have posted on the website on the date that you indicated the particular compliance?

Mr Whelan—As I said, I am happy to take the issue on notice.

Answer:

CSIRO has provided the following response.

CSIRO Compliance

The amended Murray Motion of 26 June 2003 requires Commonwealth agencies covered by the *Financial Management and Accountability Act 1997* (FMA Act 1997) to publish a list, available via their website homepage, which includes details relating to each contract entered into by the agency which has not been fully performed or which has been entered into during the previous 12 months, and which provides for a consideration to the value of \$100 000 or more.

CSIRO is not covered by the FMA Act.