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**SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE – QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
2003-2004 BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING**

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

**DEST Question No. E096\_04**

Senator Carr asked on 4 June 2003.

**Question:**

*Refers to DEST Questions No E795\_03*

You say that the A-frame cost about \$400,000. (E795)

- (a) At that price, I assume that the job went to tender?
- (b) Can you give details of this tender please?

**Answer:**

CSIRO has provided the following response.

*Southern Surveyor - A-frame - Tender details*

- (a) Acquisition of this item was the responsibility of P&O under their existing management agreement with CSIRO. There is ample precedent for P&O handling packages of work of this sort of value under the management agreement, e.g. regular dry-docking. P&O uses its own purchasing and contracting procedures for such works.
- (b) P&O sourced this item from one of their preferred suppliers, Taylor Brothers Engineering. CSIRO worked closely with P&O to ensure that P&O's preferred suppliers and contractors represented value for money.