

**EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING**

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

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

**DEST Question No. E100\_04**

Senator Carr asked on 4 June 2003.

**Question:**

- (a) Can you explain why CSIRO correspondence of 22 November 2002 to Mr Bailey from the then head of the Marine Research Division included the demand that this payment “in no way constitutes an admission of liability by CSIRO.”
- (b) What possible breach of liability had Mr Bailey or his colleagues referred to that necessitated that clause?
- (c) Can you please provide all correspondence between The Engineering Business Ltd, Mr Bailey or any one else regarding this matter?

**Answer:**

CSIRO has provided the following response.

*Southern Surveyor – A-frame – Liability*

- (a) This is a standard clause which appears in such letters. Its purpose is to minimise further disputes.
- (b) Mr Bailey implied that CSIRO might possibly breach his company’s rights in the Searanger A-frame system. The matter was settled by agreement to avoid the possibility of litigation.
- (c) Copies of correspondence between CSIRO, Mr Bailey and the Engineering Business Ltd are attached. See also answer to question E097\_04.