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

Outcome: CSIRO
Output Group: CSIRO

DEST Question No. E101_04

Senator Carr asked on 4 June 2003.

Question:

The third clause in this letter reads:

“EBL will not make any further claim, monetary or otherwise, against CSIRO arising out of the circumstances subject to this letter.”

- (a) What are “the circumstances” referred to?
- (b) What are the precise terms of any claims that EBL have made at any time in relation to this A-frame? Can you ensure that this question is covered in the correspondence requested earlier in this question.
- (c) What claims, monetary or otherwise, have been made by EBL in relation to this matter?
- (d) Has there been any suggestion from EBL that CSIRO has breached EBL’s patent rights, design rights or any other intellectual property?
- (e) If so, what are the details?

Answer:

CSIRO has provided the following response.

Southern Surveyor – A-frame – Claims by The Engineering Business Ltd (EBL)

- (a) The “circumstances” are those in Clause 2 of the referenced agreement between CSIRO Marine Research and The Engineering Business Ltd, which is attached to the answer to question E097_04.
- (b) EBL claims to have “unregistered design rights in, and copyright in drawings and information relating to, that system” (i.e. their A-frame). CSIRO acknowledges their copyright. This is covered in copies of correspondence provided in E100_04 part (c).
- (c) None, other than in (b).
- (d) No.
- (e) Not applicable.