

**EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING**

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

**AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF MARINE SCIENCE**

**Outcome:** Enhanced scientific knowledge supporting the protection and sustainable development of Australia's marine resources

**DEST Question No. E184\_04**

Senator Carr asked on 4 June 2003, EWRE Hansard page 285

**Question:**

Would cross membership of respective Boards require legislative change to the act?

**Answer:**

*Membership of the AIMS Council*

*AIMS has provided the following response.*

The only limitation placed on the membership of the AIMS Council is that at least three members must possess scientific qualifications. The selection is not based on affiliation and thus James Cook University council members are not excluded. Specific inclusion of a representative from JCU as an ex-officio member of the AIMS Council would, however, require a change to the AIMS Act.