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

Outcome: CSIRO
Output Group: CSIRO

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Senator Carr asked on 4 June 2003.

Question:

- (a) Is CSIRO a member of the Southern Tree Breeders Association?
- (b) What are the reasons and expected benefits for CSIRO (and STBA) from this membership?
- (c) How is the relationship between CSIRO and STBA managed?
- (d) Who represents CSIRO on the Board of STBA?

Answer:

CSIRO has provided the following response.

Southern Tree Breeders Association

- (a) CSIRO (CSIRO Forestry and Forest Products) is a Research Member of the Southern Tree Breeding Association Inc (STBA) and has been since it played a principal role in formation of the Association in 1983.
- (b) STBA's mission is to source new breeding markets and deliver genetic improvement services, genetic materials and information that will allow members to add value to their businesses and increase profitability. The three Research Members contribute to the technical excellence of the Association and conduct research that underpins the future of Australian plantation forestry. Benefits to CSIRO lie in partnership with the Association to add value to the industry through delivery of research solutions.
- (c) The relationship between CSIRO (CSIRO Forestry and Forest Products [CFFP]) and the STBA is managed at a number of levels. At the Board level CSIRO is represented through Dr Greg Dutkowski of the Cooperative Research Centre for Sustainable Production Forestry (Hobart). As a Research Member, CFFP's representative on the technical committees of the STBA is Dr Colin Matheson. At a partnership level, CFFP has in train a series of high-level management discussions aimed at forging a closer working relationship.
- (d) Dr Greg Dutkowski of the Cooperative Research Centre for Sustainable Production Forestry (Hobart) represents CSIRO (CFFP) on the STBA Board.