

## EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

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

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

#### **DEST Question No. E204\_04**

Senator Carr asked on 4 June 2003.

#### **Question:**

- (a) Has the tree cropping firm ITC played any role in evaluating eucalypt breeding material imported by any CSIRO staff member from Portugal or elsewhere?
- (b) If so, with who?
- (c) Are there any current commercial relations between ITC and any CSIRO staff member?
- (d) Have these been disclosed to CSIRO?
- (e) Has CSIRO entered into any commercial agreement or joint venture with ITC?
- (f) What are the details of CSIRO's current commercial relations with ITC?
- (g) Does CSIRO have any officer working part or full time with ITC?

#### **Answer:**

CSIRO has provided the following response.

#### *ITC Relationship with CSIRO*

- (a) No.
- (b) Not applicable.
- (c) No commercial arrangements currently exist between ITC and any individual member of CFFP staff.
- (d) Not applicable.
- (e) CSIRO (CFFP) currently has in place two contracts with ITC that involve provision of consultancy and research services to ITC.
- (f) CSIRO (CFFP) is a research provider to ITC and has in place two contracts with ITC for two years and three months respectively. These are non-exclusive arrangements.
- (g) CFFP's normal practice is to align staff members to contracted activity with customers based on their skills and capacity. CSIRO (CFFP) has nominated a member of staff to provide agreed services to ITC under one of the contracts advised above (e). This is not the full-time activity of that staff member.