

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

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

Outcome: CSIRO
Output Group: CSIRO

DEST Question No. E208_04

Senator Carr asked on 4 June 2003.

Question:

- (a) Have any current staff of the Forest products division had a commercial relationship with Weyerhaeuser?
- (b) Is there any current commercial relationship between any staff and this company?
- (c) Weyerhaeuser was the only one company to withdraw from the CRC TT bid in mid-2002. Did any divisional staff discuss the bid with Weyerhaeuser and in anyway influence their decision to withdraw from the TT bid?
- (d) Does CSIRO have any commercial or current collaborative relations with Weyerhaeuser?

Answer:

CSIRO has provided the following response.

Relationship with Weyerhaeuser

- (a) Yes.
- (b) No.
- (c) In 2002 CFFP staff held a number of discussions with key players in the forestry and forest products industry, both nationally and internationally (including Weyerhaeuser) to help determine the future strategic directions and impact of the Division's research. While involvement in a new CRC would have been included in such discussions, Weyerhaeuser made its own decision to withdraw from the CRC bid.
- (d) Yes. CFFP currently has in place two contracts with Weyerhaeuser that involve provision of consultancy and research services to the company. They are both short term in nature and are non-exclusive arrangements.