

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

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

Outcome: CSIRO
Output Group: CSIRO

DEST Question No. E214_04

Senator Carr asked on 4 June 2003.

Question:

Do you agree with the recommendation that a project be initiated into the status of women in Australian science, technology, engineering and mathematics?

Would CSIRO be prepared to contribute toward the cost of such a project?

Answer:

CSIRO has provided the following response.

Women in Science

CSIRO believes there is an arguable case, based on graduate statistics produced by the Department of Education Science and Training (DEST), for investigation of the factors influencing women's choices about careers in science. If the Federal Government were to initiate such a project, CSIRO would participate where appropriate.