

**EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING**

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

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

**DEST Question No. E217\_04**

Senator Carr asked on 4 June 2003.

**Question:**

- (a) What advantages do you see in CSIRO adopting the recent conference's recommendation that addressing such issues be addressed by a unit established to monitor and coordinate improvement in this aspect of scientific work?
- (b) Would CSIRO set up such a unit?

**Answer:**

CSIRO has provided the following response.

*Women in Science*

- (a) The Department of Education Science and Training (DEST) currently collects and analyses data in relation to women (and other groups) undertaking tertiary studies. If such a unit were to exist it would make sense for it to reside within DEST, which has responsibility for both the science agencies and universities.
- (b) No, see (a) above.