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

Outcome: CSIRO
Output Group: CSIRO

DEST Question No. E248_04

Senator Carr asked on 4 June 2003.

Question:

Are you aware of steps now being taken by the NZ Government to minimise some of the ill effects of this experiment?

For example, are you aware of the current belief that *“contestability [of funding] maximises flexibility but can also cause instability. It is the government’s intention to move a “notch or two” away from contestability in selected areas of research to improve stability”*?

What is your response to such concerns?

Answer:

CSIRO has provided the following response.

DSIR New Zealand

CSIRO is aware that New Zealand has been reviewing its research funding processes.

This is a matter for the New Zealand government. See answer to question E245_04.