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SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE – QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2004-2005 BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING

Outcome: CSIRO
Output Group: - CSIRO

DEST Question No. E200_05

Senator Carr asked on 2 June 2004, EWRE Hansard page 52.

Question:

Senator Carr: ... [Refers to previous answer E770_04] Phoenix Group Pacific Pty Ltd ...

- a) Who made the decision to appoint that particular company for that particular contract without tender?
- b) Can you tell me how long the consultancy lasted?
- c) Can I have a copy of that [report] please?

Answer:

CSIRO has provided the following response.

Phoenix Group Pacific Pty Ltd

- a) Dr Jack Steele, Chief of Staff, Corporate Business Development and Commercialisation.
- b) Approximately a 6 month period.
- c) Yes, copies of the report and appendix are attached. In summary, the outcomes of the consultancy included:
 - the assembly of a centralised database of CSIRO's involvement with CRCs since the commencement of the CRC Programme;
 - a review of CSIRO's engagement with the CRC Programme;
 - recommendations as to future CSIRO engagement with the CRC Programme; and
 - the development of a basis for CSIRO to establish a "CRC Engagement Office". This has subsequently been formed and is the front-line process for managing CSIRO's involvement with CRCs, in particular with the current Round 9 CRCs, which has included the preparation of standard form agreements that would be used in all (or almost all) cases of Round 9 CRCs.