

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2006-2007 BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING

Outcome: 3

Output Group: 3.2 – Assistance for collaboration and innovation

DEST Question No. E385_07

Senator Wong provided in writing.

Question:

Was there any correspondence relating to Jim Peacock's role between CSIRO, the Minister or DEST either prior to or after his appointment? Please provide all correspondence between CSIRO and the Minister or DEST regarding Jim Peacock.

Answer:

Dr Jim Peacock's role as Chief Scientist

- After Dr Peacock's appointment as Chief Scientist there was communication between CSIRO and DEST about his part-time role at CSIRO. In summary, Dr Peacock's role at CSIRO as chair of a small science team within the Office of the Chief Executive, is to provide scientific advice, especially on emerging science, the building and fostering of science leaders, and stimulating CSIRO's PhD and post graduate programmes and CSIRO's role in science education. This takes into account the deep interest and long standing activity that Dr Peacock has in science education issues.