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

Outcome: CSIRO
Output Group: - CSIRO

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Senator Carr asked on 5 November 2003.

Question:

Staff at Atherton have pointed out that such a decision would jeopardise bio-prospecting programs in northern Queensland and would also reduce the effectiveness of research programs based on CSIRO working with local communities on indigenous knowledge. What is CSIRO's position on these issues?

Answer:

CSIRO has provided the following response.

Atherton Herbarium

CSIRO believes that the provision of a Reference Collection at Atherton and the availability of the interactive software key (see E533_04) developed from the collection will provide sufficient resources for the above-mentioned research.