

## EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

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

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

#### **DEST Question No. E565\_04**

Senator Carr asked on 5 November 2003.

#### **Question:**

Is that contract for CSIRO to undertake research on behalf of AMC still operational?

#### **Answer:**

CSIRO has provided the following response.

#### *Contingent liabilities – AMC research contract with CSIRO*

The AMRDP contract has been completed. A memorandum of understanding was signed between AMC and CSIRO in December 2000. This MOU was described in CSIRO's answer to Question No: E066\_03 as follows:

“CSIRO and AMC signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) dated 7 December 2000. This document describes the two organisation's commitment to work together and states that the AMC will have prime status as a magnesium producer client of CSIRO for this period. The MOU flags possible future joint research programs. This MOU does not contain any limitation on CSIRO's ability to work for third parties.”

Since that time individual CSIRO Divisions have undertaken research projects for AMC under terms and conditions that have been negotiated at the time of the projects. For example, the Division of Minerals has a three year Research “head” Agreement that was signed in December 2002 and in this the scope of individual research projects to be carried out under that Agreement are negotiated as the projects arise. Using this Research “head” Agreement, projects have been completed on a full fee-for service basis and it is expected these will continue during the currency of the agreement as and when commissioned by AMC.