

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

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:

Was Mr Dean commissioned to undertake a further review of the CSIRO learning and development function in August-September 2003?

Was this work put out to competitive tender?

If not, why not?

Answer:

CSIRO has provided the following response.

Consultancies

Yes, Mr Dean was commissioned to undertake a further review of the CSIRO learning and development function in October 2003.

The contract was not put out to competitive tender because it was a small contract (approx. \$5,000). In 2001, Mr Dean developed the initial L&D plan, which was to be used as the benchmark for this assessment, so it was logical to engage him again to undertake the review.

Mr Dean was in Australia so no major additional travel costs were incurred.