

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

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

Outcome: CSIRO
Output Group: - CSIRO

DEST Question No. E583_04

Senator Carr asked on 5 November 2003.

Question:

Has accommodation for Mr Dean ever been provided in an official CSIRO residence?
If so, did this coincide with any of Mr Dean's consultancies for CSIRO?
Was any adjustment made to Mr Dean's expense allowance?

Answer:

CSIRO has provided the following response.

Consultancies

Yes, whilst under contract to CSIRO Forestry and Forest Products, Mr Dean stayed at "Westridge House" Yarralumla, ACT, the official residence of the CSIRO Chief Executive on two occasions: for 5 days from 31 May to 4 June 2002 and for 13 days between 10 June and the evening of 28 June 2002 (ie: a total of 18 days).

As part of the consultancy contract with CSIRO Forestry and Forest Products, Mr Dean was entitled to receive \$200 per day for subsistence rather than reimbursement for actual expenses. The intention of the subsistence rate was to cover accommodation, meals and other living costs. The choice of accommodation was then a matter for Mr Dean.

Over the period 31 May to 28 June 2002 Mr Dean was entitled, in terms of the contract, to claim for 29 days subsistence. He claimed for 20 days.

Over the abovementioned 18 day period at "Westridge House", Mr Dean claimed for 9 days subsistence.

There was no adjustment to Mr Dean's subsistence allowance. The claim was less than the entitlement under the terms of the contract for the consultancy.