

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

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

Outcome: CSIRO
Output Group: - CSIRO

DEST Question No. E592_04

Senator Carr asked on 5 November 2003.

Question:

- a) Has, now or in the past, Dr Paul Cottterill, Chief of CSIRO Forests and Forest Products, or his family had a beneficial interest in any company concerned with eucalypt seed orchards, and or the sale of eucalypt sed, propagules or germ plasm?
- b) If this was the case but has changed, when was such a beneficial interest in such companies divested?
- c) Does Dr Cotterill have any current relationship with any of these companies?
- d) Does Dr Cotterill still have a beneficial interest in Worrolong Eucalypts Pty Ltd through a company known as Gene Technics?

Answer:

CSIRO has provided the following response.

Forestry – Dr Cotterill

- a) Yes.
- b) Dr Cotterill's consulting company Gene Technics (which has not transacted any business since his appointment to CSIRO on 18 February 2002) divested its interest in Worrolong Eucalypts Pty Ltd on 21 November 2003. (See also answer to question E596_04.) In the period between 18 February 2002 and 21 November 2003, Gene Technics did not collect any income from Worrolong Eucalypts Pty Ltd.
- c) No.
- d) No (see above).