

## EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

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

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

#### DEST Question No. E630\_04

Senator Carr asked on 5 November 2003.

#### Question:

Finally, has Mr Ian Dean, a consultant who has undertaken work for CSIRO, ever accompanied a member of the Executive team to any of these sporting or cultural events offered by suppliers or potential suppliers of services to CSIRO?

If so, did CSIRO fund Mr Dean's travel?

Under such circumstances, who would approve Mr Dean's attendance at such an event and his travel expenses?

If yes, what was the relation between attendance at such an event and Mr Dean's consultancy work for CSIRO?

#### Answer:

CSIRO has provided the following response.

#### *Sport and culture*

Mr Dean attended two such sporting events with Dr Garrett on 14 July 2001 and 1 September 2001 respectively (see DEST Question No. E628\_04).

Mr Dean attended the sporting event whilst en route to Canberra to commence a consultancy for CSIRO. Whilst CSIRO paid for Mr Dean's travel from South Africa to Canberra, as part of the consultancy, no additional air or accommodation costs were incurred as a result of his attendance at the sporting event. Some local travel costs were initially incurred by CSIRO and subsequently reimbursed.

In respect of the event on 1 September 2001, Mr Dean was already in Sydney undertaking a consultancy for CSIRO so no additional costs were incurred.

Attendance at the sporting events was at the invitation of the supplier. Mr Dean is not a CSIRO employee so his attendance did not require approval by CSIRO.

No additional costs were incurred by CSIRO as a consequence of Mr Dean's attendance at these events.

There was no relation between attendance at these events and Mr Dean's consultancy work for CSIRO. Mr Dean's consultancy contract was negotiated independently and not related to the invitations offered by the suppliers.