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

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DEST Question No. E645_04

Senator Carr asked on 5 November 2003, EWRE Hansard page 53.

Question:

Can I have a list of the people who are responsible for approval of consultancies? Can I have a look at the guidelines and the processes that you are currently operating? Can I have that list? I would like to know the delegations for approval of consultancies and under what terms.

Answer:

CSIRO has provided the following response.

Consultancies

Officers who hold CSIRO financial delegation 40 (to approve the incurring of expenditure excluding transactions relating to matters the subject of the CSIRO Commercial Delegation and matters involving real property) can engage a consultant.

This Board approved delegation is held ex officio by the Chief Executive (\$5 million), members of Executive and Chiefs of Divisions (financial limit \$1,500,000); Corporate General Managers (\$1,000,000); Deputy/Assistant Chief and OIC Regional Laboratory (\$1,000,000) and Program/Project Leader (\$50,000).

The financial limits for respective Deputy/Assistant Chief and OIC Regional Laboratory and Program/Project Leader are subject to any limitations imposed by the Chief of that Division.

See DEST Question No. E571_04 for CSIRO Procurement Policy on consultants.