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SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2006-2007 SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING

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Senator Crossin asked on 1 November 2006, EWRE Hansard page 19.

Question:

Senator CROSSIN—It was my understanding, when I met with the NT Horticultural Association, that they were informed of the decision; it was the first they had heard of it. So can you take on notice for me when the CEO of that division would have met with all of the stakeholders, which stakeholders he met with and over what periods of time over the two years?

Answer:

CSIRO has provided the following response.

CSIRO Plant Industry - Darwin

The CSIRO Plant Industry Chief and Assistant Chief met with CSIRO staff in Darwin on 22 June 2004, 4 and 6 October 2005 and on 29 May 2006.

On Tuesday 22 June 2004 the Chief and Assistant Chief met with then Minister for Primary Industries & Fisheries and Mines, the Hon Kon Vatskalis.

On Wednesday 23 June 2004 the Chief and Assistant Chief met with Mr Bob Williams, National Mango Breeding Program, Queensland Department of Primary Industries and Mr Ken Rayner, Katherine Mango Grower. They also met with Charles Darwin University researchers and management.

On Thursday 24 June 2004 the Chief and Assistant Chief met with Mr Mike Burgess, then CEO of the then Northern Territory Department of Business, Industry and Resources.

On Wednesday 5 October 2005 the Chief and Assistant Chief met with Mr Matt Darcy, Director of Crops, Forestry & Horticulture in the Northern Territory Department of Primary Industries, Fisheries and Mines (NTDPIFM), Mr Robb Gobbey, Executive Director Primary Industries NTDPIFM, Geoff Walduck, Senior Horticulturist NTDPIFM, Mr Ken Rayner, and Mr Sean Cox at Charles Darwin University.

On Monday 29 May 2006 the Chief and Assistant Chief met with Mr Matt Darcy, Director of Crops, Forestry & Horticulture, NTDPIFM, Mr Rod Gobbey, Executive Director Primary Industries NTDPIFM, Mr John Carroll, Chief Executive Officer, NTDPIFM, and Mr Tom Harris, President of the NT Horticultural Association.

On 30 May 2006 the Chief and Assistant Chief met with the then Minister for Primary Industries, Fisheries and Mines, the Hon Kon Vatskalis.