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TOPIC: Professor John Black

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QUESTION No.: AI-27

Senator SMITH: Professor John Black has been very vocal on this issue. I understand he was formerly employed by the CSIRO. What position did he have?

Dr Mayfield: My understanding is he was a deputy chief in the animal husbandry area.

Senator SMITH: That was my second question. What was his area of expertise at CSIRO?

Dr Mayfield: To my understanding, I think veterinary science and animal husbandry is his field.

Senator SMITH: You can take that on notice as well. So he was not a rock art expert at CSIRO?

Dr Mayfield: No.

ANSWER

Professor Black was employed by CSIRO from October 1971 to July 1996. He worked for CSIRO's Livestock Industries division in the position of Assistant Chief.

Professor Black provided his academic qualifications to the Senate Committee on Environment and Communications during their hearing on Protection of Aboriginal rock art of the Burrup Peninsula. The relevant Hansard transcript is copied below.

Senator CHISHOLM: Can you repeat what your professional qualifications are.

Prof. Black: I have a Bachelor of Agricultural Science, a Diploma of Education and a PhD in animal physiology and biochemistry.