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Senator WRIGHT: How could I get some certainty about the answer to that question? Is that available publicly?

Dr Steele: The general findings report is publicly available. We can readily find that and send you an email, if you like.

Senator WRIGHT: I would appreciate that. Thank you very much.

Dr Steele: Sure.

Senator WRIGHT: What was the gender of the two staff against whom Professor Pearce recommended CSIRO bring misconduct proceedings?

Dr Steele: You are referring to specific recommendations. It was referred to in general findings report No. 2 that CSIRO conduct two investigations. The wrong way to phrase this is one of each, but I believe there was one person who was a female staff member and one person who was a male staff member. I will confirm that.

Senator WRIGHT: Thank you very much for that.

ANSWER

1. The General Findings Report for Phase 2 is available from the HWL Ebsworth web site at: www.hwlebsworth.com.au/images/generalfindingsreport_phase2.pdf.
2. The evidence provided in the hearing is confirmed, one person is a female officer and one is a male officer.