

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

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

Outcome: CSIRO
Output Group: - CSIRO

DEST Question No. E981_04

Senator Carr provided in writing.

Question:

- a) Did Dr Cotterill, as Chief of CSIRO Forestry and Forest Products, establish a joint venture with Integrated Tree Crops which had existing or prior commercial dealings with Worrolong Investments Pty Ltd in which Dr Cotterill had a beneficial interest?
- b) Did Worrolong Eucalypts Pty Ltd provide eucalypt breeding material to Integrated Tree Crops at any point in time?
- c) Was this material eventually part of any collaborative activity between CSIRO and ITC?
- d) Did this material derive from Portugal?
- e) If so, was this material obtained from Stora CELBI or any other company with their knowledge and consent?

Answer:

CSIRO has provided the following response.

Forestry and Forest Products

- a) Dr Cotterill, as Chief of CSIRO Forestry and Forest Products, did not establish a joint venture with Integrated Tree Crops.
- b) When entering into a working relationship with a company, CSIRO is not informed about that company's relationships with third party companies.
- c) CSIRO's work with ITC involves the provision of measurement and data interpretation services, as detailed in E204_04 and E595_04. In providing such services to ITC under contract, CSIRO is not informed about the source of the material provided to it by the company.
- d) See above.
- e) See above.