

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

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

Outcome: CSIRO
Output Group: CSIRO

DEST Question No. E203_04

Senator Carr asked on 4 June 2003.

Question:

- (a) Did Dr Paul Cotterill take any action that may have adversely affected an application by STBA to the Forest and Wood Products Research and Development Council for funds?
- (b) Was he a referee for this application?
- (c) Did he discuss this application with one of the referees?
- (d) Did he, directly or indirectly, influence a referee who subsequently submitted an unfavorable assessment of the STBA application?
- (e) Was this application finally approved by FWPRDC?
- (f) Has the delay affected implementation of the project?

Answer:

CSIRO has provided the following response.

STBA Funding Application

- (a) The question does not make clear which application is being referred to however Dr Paul Cotterill has not knowingly taken any action that may have adversely affected an STBA application during his term as Chief.
- (b) See (a) above however, Dr Cotterill has not been a referee for any STBA application to the FWPRDC while Chief of CSIRO Forestry and Forest Products.
- (c) See (a) above
- (d) See (a) above.
- (e) See (a) above.
- (f) See (a) above.