

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE – QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2004-2005 BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING

Outcome: CSIRO
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DEST Question No. E201_05

Senator Carr asked on 2 June 2004, EWRE Hansard page 56.

Question:

Senator Carr: ... I would like to know the total value of consultancies provided to Ms Staunton ...

Dr Sandland: ... I will take on notice the question and give you a precise answer of the number of months and the precise total.

Answer:

CSIRO has provided the following response.

Ms Staunton – consultancies

Staunton Consulting (Principal: Donna Staunton) was engaged in May 2003 to provide high level communication advice to CSIRO and to assist with the development of the CSIRO Communication Strategy. This work continued until October 2003. During this period, fees of \$138,600 (including GST) were paid to Staunton Consulting.

As indicated previously in answer E767_04, CSIRO entered into a contract with Staunton Consulting (Principal: Donna Staunton) on 27 October 2003 for Ms Staunton to provide services as Acting Director, Communications. The intention was for this arrangement to continue until a permanent appointment was made to this position. The fee under the contract was \$22,000 per month (excluding GST) on the basis of 4 days worked per week. This equates to an approximate daily rate of \$1,375. Any direct expenses for travel and associated costs incurred by Ms Staunton for travel approved by CSIRO in the course of providing these services are reimbursed by CSIRO.

This arrangement continued until February 2004 and fees of \$89,237 (including GST) were paid to Staunton Consulting during this period.