

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

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

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Senator Carr asked on 2 June 2004, EWRE Hansard page 64.

Question:

Senator Carr: Dr Sandland, were you advised that Mr Dean should not be employed unless he was supporting CSIRO senior management in carrying out the tasks he had been contracted for in regard to this particular program, this executive consultancy program – learning development support services?

... Were you being advised, even as late as last year, that prior to this matter being raised at the Senate estimates committee hearings in November, there was a requirement for a competitive process for the engagement of Mr Dean?

... I would ask you to take it on notice and confirm it for me.

Answer:

CSIRO has provided the following response:

Mr Dean (Groman Consulting)

When the Manager of the Leadership and Development Team left CSIRO last year, Dr Sandland had considered Mr Dean as a possible person who might take some role – as an interim measure – in leading that group and working through some of the urgent tasks facing them in trying to get our senior executive training program (Leading the Research Enterprise) up and running. Although Dr Sandland did commission Mr Dean (through Groman Consulting) to do some preliminary work for CSIRO in this area, this was to address some immediate and pressing issues, and he ultimately appointed the second-in-charge of the unit as Acting Manager.

Dr Sandland has indicated that there was no explicit advice to him that Mr Dean should not be employed in relation to the task that he was considering for him without a competitive tender process.