

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

**SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
2006-2007 BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING**

Outcome: CSIRO

Output Group: CSIRO

DEST Question No. E273_07

Senator Stott Despoja provided in writing.

Question:

Given that CSIRO staff have been directed by CSIRO Chief Executive not to provide direct commentary – negative or positive on existing, past, or proposed government policies”, has CSIRO Communications requested Dr Peacock to refrain from publicly commenting on issues such as GM technology.¹

Answer:

CSIRO has provided the following response.

Dr Peacock and public comment

No.

¹ Dr Geoff Garrett "CSIRO does not gag its scientists" Statement by the Chief Executive, Dr Geoff Garrett
Tabled Senate Committee Hearing 15/02/06