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

Outcome: 3

Output Group: 3.2 – Assistance for collaboration and innovation

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Senator Wong provided in writing.

Question:

Robin Batterham had security clearance at the Top Secret level while his personal assistant at Rio Tinto had security clearance at Protected level. What is Peacock's clearance and that of any staff he is in charge of at CSIRO? How are access and security managed at Peacock's CSIRO office?

Answer:

Security clearance

Dr Peacock and his personal assistant both have security clearances at the Top Secret level. The security arrangements in place for Dr Peacock's CSIRO Office comply with the requirements set out in the Protective Security Manual, which is issued by the Attorney-General's Department.