

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

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Question: E11-091

OUTCOME 1: Population Health

Topic: RELEASE OF REGULATORY CONTROL OF MOATA REACTOR FACILITY
AT ANSTO

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Senator Boyce asked:

I have a few follow-up questions, primarily from your quarterly report. You were looking at a request from ANSTO to release from regulatory control the MOATA reactor facility. What remaining issues need to be satisfied before a formal request to surrender the licence can be made?

Answer:

There are no remaining issues with the surrender of the licence. ANSTO's request to surrender the licence for MOATA was received by ARPANSA on 2 December 2010. On 8 December 2010, ARPANSA sent a request to ANSTO for the radioactive waste inventory relating to MOATA and the review of the submission was suspended while ARPANSA was waiting for this information. On 22 February 2011, ARPANSA received the ANSTO waste inventory information and the regulatory assessment of MOATA is now completed subject to final clearance from the CEO of ARPANSA.