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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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AGENCY/DEPARTMENT: IP AUSTRALIA
TOPIC: STATUS OF PATENT NO. 672495
REFERENCE: HANSARD 29/05/06, PAGE E67

QUESTION No.BI-29
(Hansard 29/05/06, p.E67)

Senator Campbell asked about:

What is the status of patent no. 672495? Is IP Australia expediting the termination of this application? If not, why not?

ANSWER

Australian Patent 672495, titled 'Recirculation of Fuel', in the name of The Energy Research and Development Corporation, is currently in force through payment of annual renewal fees to 20 November 2006. The patent was granted on 22 January 1997.

A request for re-examination of this patent has been received and the substantive matter of re-examination is being progressed by the Commissioner of Patents. There is no legislative provision to request or allow re-examination matters to be expressly expedited.