Senate Standing Committee on Economics

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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TOPIC: Giant Magellan Telescope

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QUESTION No.: BI-5

Was the Australian National University's request for funding of \$88.6 million for the Giant Magellan Telescope considered in the funding round? If so, why was it rejected?

ANSWER

The Australian National University (ANU) application for funding of \$88.4 million for the Giant Magellan Telescope (GMT) was considered in Round 2 of the Education Investment Fund.

On 20 July 2009, the Government announced that funding of \$88.4 million will be provided to the ANU for the GMT.