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SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE – QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2004-2005 ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING

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Output Group: 3.2 – Assistance for Science Collaboration and Innovation

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Senator Allison asked on 16 February 2005, EWRE Hansard page 52.

Question:

Was it the agreement that has just been struck that ceases to take effect from 2010? Is that the date I am thinking of?

Answer:

ANSTO has provided the following response

US Acceptance Policy for Spent Nuclear Fuel from Foreign Research Reactors

The previous acceptance policy, established in 1996, permits the United States to accept certain eligible spent fuel that is irradiated by May, 2006, and returned to the United States by May, 2009. This was revised in November last year to extend the irradiation deadline to May, 2016, and the acceptance deadline to May, 2019. The revised policy includes spent fuel from ANSTO's OPAL research reactor.