

## EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

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

**Outcome:** ANSTO  
**Output Group:** ANSTO

#### **DEST Question No. E678\_05**

Senator Nettle provided in writing.

#### **Question:**

Beryllium Shipment:

Did ANSTO conduct a transportation of Beryllium in 2004?

If so, can you provide details of the size of transport & destination?

How was this beryllium obtained?

#### **Answer:**

ANSTO has provided the following response:

#### *Beryllium Shipment*

ANSTO did not conduct a transportation of Beryllium in 2004.

However ANSTO did conduct a transportation of Beryllium in May 2002.

This 2002 shipment comprised 78 x 200 L drums and 40 x 400 L drums (total weight of 6.937 tonnes) in two shipping containers, and was delivered to Brush Wellman Inc (BWI), Ohio, USA. This beryllium was originally produced in the 1960s and 1970s and supplied to the Australian Atomic Energy Commission (AAEC) by a number of suppliers, including BWI, General Electric (USA), UKAEA (UK), Murex (UK), Pechiney (France), Berylco (USA), Minox (UK) and NGK (Japan). The material was sold to one of the original suppliers (Brush Wellman) for scrap recycling.