

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2005-2006 ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING

Outcome: 3

Output Group: 3.2 – Assistance for science collaboration and innovation.

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Senator Stott Despoja provided in writing.

Question:

Given that the last Chief Scientist's term finished in May 2005, and that this is an important role providing the Prime Minister and Ministers with critical advice on science, technology and innovation issues, when will a new Chief Scientist be appointed?

Answer:

Time of New Chief Scientist Appointment

The Minister for Education, Science and Training announced on 28 February 2006 the appointment of Dr Jim Peacock, AC, to the position of Chief Scientist.