

## 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.

#### **DEST Question No. E832\_06**

Senator Stott Despoja provided in writing.

#### **Question:**

What effect will the withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the Anglo-Australian Telescope have on the Anglo-Australian Telescope Board's (AATB) budget and functioning?

#### **Answer:**

##### *Financial viability of the Anglo-Australian Telescope (AAT)*

- The UK's contributions will be reduced gradually until 2010 when the facility becomes wholly Australian-owned. This is not expected to have a significant effect on the AATB's functioning in that period.
- The Review of the Anglo-Australian Observatory announced on 8 February 2006 will make recommendations on funding and governance arrangements post-2010.