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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. E837_06

Senator Wong asked on 15 February 2006, EWRE Hansard page 68.

Question:

Senator Wong – I am sorry we kept you waiting so long today. I understand tomorrow is some nine months since the current Chief Scientist indicated an intention to resign at the conclusion of his contract. Is that correct?

Ms Paul - It probably would be.

Senator Wong – Did DEST forward any names for consideration to the previous Minister?

Ms Paul – Yes.

Senator Wong – When did that occur?

Ms Paul – That would have been towards the end of last calendar year. I think it would have been in late November.

Senator Wong – Can I ask how many people were on that list?

Ms Paul – I cannot remember. Can I take that on notice? It was a shortish list of probably five or six people.

Answer:

Recruitment of Chief Scientist - Shortlist

Five people were on the shortlist.