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

Outcome: ANSTO
Output Group: ANSTO

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Senator Stott Despoja provided in writing.

Question:

According to the ANSTO website, the start of the commissioning of the new Lucas Heights Replacement Research Reactor was scheduled to happen in December 2005. Has the commissioning of the new reactor started? If not, what has caused the delay and what impact will this delay have?

Answer:

OPAL Reactor

ANSTO has provided the following response:

As advised at the Estimates Committee hearing (page EWRE 13), cold commissioning of the OPAL reactor commenced in the week of 13 February.