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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:

The ANSTO 2004/05 annual report states "*As reported to the minister, full power operation has been delayed by six months, and minor cost escalation has occurred due to externally driven factors.*" Given the new reactor is scheduled to reach full power in August 2006, but there is an apparent delay, when will the new reactor reach full power?

Answer:

OPAL Reactor

ANSTO has provided the following response:

If cold commissioning of the reactor goes as planned, an operating licence is granted and hot commissioning goes as planned, we still expect that the OPAL reactor will reach full power in August or September 2006 and continuous operation by December 2006.