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

Outcome: ANSTO
Output Group: ANSTO

DEST Question No. E861_06

Senator Stott Despoja provided in writing.

Refers to DEST Question No. E860_06.

Question:

Is the budget of \$286.4 million (1997 value) for the replacement reactor still correct? If not, what is the new budget figure?

Answer:

OPAL Reactor

ANSTO has provided the following response:

Since the figure of \$286.4 million was awarded by Government in September 1997, some externally driven cost increases have occurred, as described in the response to question E860_06. The total budget figure in 1997 dollars for the project is approximately \$308.25 million.