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SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Senator Carr asked on 14 February 2007, EWRE Hansard page 16.

Question:

Medical Isotopes

Dr Smith—We are continuing to produce medical isotopes in the cyclotron, and other medical isotopes. We are not producing molybdenum-99; we are currently importing molybdenum-99.

Senator CARR—I see. What sorts of quantities are we talking about?

Dr Smith—I would have to take on notice the exact quantities, but it is the normal demand that we have for Australia.

Answer:

ANSTO has provided the following response:

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Import quantities of medical isotopes are expressed by activity. ANSTO currently imports a total of 800 Curies – 29.6 terrabequerels - of molybdenum-99 per week.