

## EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

### SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2006-2007 ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING

**Outcome:** 3  
**Output Group:** 3.2 – Assistance for collaboration and Innovation

#### DEST Question No. E963\_07

Senator Crossin asked on 14 February 2007, EWRE Hansard page 88.

#### Question:

Information on Website

**Senator CROSSIN**— Was it always the intention to store parts of the debris from the reactor in this dump in the Territory?

**Mr Davoren**—Yes.

**Senator CROSSIN**—When was that ever made public to people? Can you take it on notice?

**Mr Davoren**—Yes, I will.

**Senator CROSSIN**—I am not aware that it is on your website. I am not aware that I have heard you say it at any of the public meetings I have attended.

**Mr Davoren**—I suspect it is in our inventory on our website, but I will check that.

#### Answer:

*Information on Website*

The radioactive waste management website refers to waste arising from decommissioning the HIFAR reactor in the section *Radioactive waste at the facility* which describes the current Australian Government radioactive waste inventory and expected future arisings to be managed at the Commonwealth Radioactive Waste Management Facility.

There are a number of references in public documents to research reactor decommissioning wastes being managed at the Commonwealth Radioactive Waste Management Facility and, previously, the National Radioactive Waste Repository. These include:

- *The Commonwealth Radioactive Waste Management Facility Public Information Kit on the Facility DEST 2005* (HIFAR decommissioning waste is mentioned in the Frequently Asked Questions section under *How much waste will be managed at the facility?*);
- *National Radioactive Waste Repository Draft EIS PPK Environment & Infrastructure 2002* (*Future Waste Generation*, pp.70-71);
- *Replacement Nuclear Research Reactor Draft EIS PPK Environment & Infrastructure 1998* (Chapter 19 *Decommissioning*) ; and
- *National Radioactive Waste Repository Site Selection Study Phase 1: A Report on Public Comment*. Department of Primary Industries and Energy August 1993. (Mentioned under *Management of HIFAR decommissioning radioactive waste*, p.12).