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Senator Carr asked on 14 February 2007, EWRE Hansard page 101-102.

Question:

Museum of Economic Botany

Senator CARR— So it is a South Australian government facility, is it?

Mr Cook—I would need to check. I do not know whether it is.

Senator CARR—Did they apply for the money?

Ms Paul—I am not sure, actually. I would probably have to take that on notice.

Senator CARR—I just want to know what criteria were used to allocate \$1.1 million of public money.

Senator CARR—How did it get into the process? I am trying to establish that. How do you get a government decision to allocate \$1.1 million of public moneys outside any established program?

Ms Paul—Presumably the need for this and the case for this unique proposition was made clear to government and government took a decision.

Senator CARR—How was it made clear to government?

Senator Brandis—I think we will take these questions on notice.

Answer:

Museum of Economic Botany

- a) The Museum of Economic Botany is a facility within the Adelaide Botanic Garden, which is administered by the South Australian Department for Environment and Heritage.
- b) The Adelaide Botanic Garden sought Australian Government funding for the Museum's restoration and refurbishment. The Museum refurbishment programme is part of a series of works designed to restore a number of areas in the Adelaide Botanic Garden by October 2007, in its 150th Anniversary Year.
- c) The funding for the Museum's refurbishment was decided by the government in the 2006 Additional Estimates process.