

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

**SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Senator Allison asked on 4 June 2003, EWRE Hansard page 377

Question:

One of the other critical areas would appear to be the reference to the concrete cap on pit 19A. It is my understanding that the pit was in fact not capped at all. Could that be checked?

Answer:

Capping of pit 19A

A full description of the initial capping of pit 19A is contained in Section 4.6.6.1 of the Maralinga Rehabilitation Technical Advisory Committee (MARTAC) report titled '*Incorrect historical recording of pit and pit cap locations*'. The sub-section '*Mislocation of pits and caps*' on page 236 makes it clear that pit 19A was capped, and the box titled "Pit Categories" on page 237 provides more detail on the nature of the capping on the pit.