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AGENCY: Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation

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Senator Forshaw asked on 4 June 2003, EWRE Hansard page 298

Question:

Figures extracted from the 1996-2000 annual reports suggest that the expenditure under the waste management action plan in each year has been less than what was published in the budget:

- a) Is this correct?
- b) If so, comment on the reasons why it would have been underspent.

Answer:

ANSTO has provided the following response.

Expenditure for the waste management action plan for the period 1996-2000

The WMAP forecast an estimated expenditure of approximately \$11 million over the period 1996-2000 (5-Year Period). The \$11 million comprised \$6 million in capital, \$4 million in salary costs and \$1 million in operating costs.

Total expenditure by June 2001 was in excess of \$7 million. Further expenditure was delayed due to budgetary circumstances, however additional capital expenditure of approximately \$5 million was spent between July 2001 and June 2003. Therefore by June 2003, \$12 million had been spent.