

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2004-2005 BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING

Outcome: 3

Output Group: 3.2 – Assistance for science collaboration and innovation

DEST Question No. E017_05

Senator Wong asked on 2 June 2004, EWRE Hansard page 111.

Question:

Are you able to provide to the committee the waste acceptance criteria contained in the licence application?

Answer:

National Radioactive Waste Repository – Waste Acceptance Criteria

The waste acceptance criteria for the national repository as provided to ARPANSA in Appendix J of the supplementary information on the licence application for the facility is at Attachment A.

On 14 July 2004 the Prime Minister announced that the Australian Government had decided to abandon a national radioactive waste repository at Site 40a near Woomera in South Australia.

The Australian Government will establish a waste management facility for the Commonwealth's low and intermediate level waste on Commonwealth land at a yet to be determined site.

The Department of Education, Science and Training has withdrawn its licence application to ARPANSA for the national repository.