

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2005-2006 BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING

Outcome: 3

Output Group: 3.2 – Assistance for science collaboration and innovation.

DEST Question No. E124_06

Senator Carr provided in writing.

Question:

Given the PM's announcement of 14 July 2004 of a co-location of intermediate and low-level waste, are we looking exclusively at an engineered solution for the waste store and repository (i.e. a structure) or exclusively at waste burial of intermediate and low-level waste or combination of both?

Answer:

Commonwealth Radioactive Waste Management Facility

The Commonwealth Radioactive Waste Management Facility will include a store for intermediate level waste. Whether a store or a repository is constructed for low level waste will be dependent on the characteristics of the site chosen for the Facility.