

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

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

Outcome: CSIRO
Output Group: CSIRO

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Senator Carr provided in writing.

Question:

CSIRO: ARPANSA Quarterly Report, 1 October – 31 December 2004

Appendix A, A.54 mentions that CSIRO has shut down its Ion Accelerator Facility and is intending to sell the accelerator as a whole or in parts.

ARPANSA also notes that negotiations are underway for the sale of the accelerator.

Where have these negotiations advanced to since 31 December 2004?

Has the reactor been sold?

Please provide details.

Answer:

CSIRO has provided the following response.

Exploration and Mining – Ion Accelerator sale

CSIRO has determined that there are no interested Australian buyers for the Accelerator, and are currently negotiating to sell it to a research institution in Europe.