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**SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
2006-2007 BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING**

Outcome: 3

Output Group: 3.1 – Research Infrastructure

DEST Question No. E509_07

Senator Wong provided in writing.

Question:

How soon before the Bill was tabled was the ARC made aware of the final draft of this Bill?

Answer:

Australian Research Council

DEST consulted regularly with the ARC on drafts of the ARC Amendment Bill 2006 (the Bill).

The Bill was subsequently agreed by DEST, the ARC and the Office of Parliamentary Counsel on 16 March 2006, and tabled in Parliament on 30 March 2006.