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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. E513_07

Senator Wong provided in writing.

Question:

ARC said the following at Estimates:

Senator STEPHENS—It is my understanding that, under the new bill, the college of experts can be appointed directly by the minister—is that correct?

Mr Marsden—That is correct.

Senator STEPHENS—And this is a significant change from the existing act.

Mr Marsden—It is certainly a change from the existing act, where the board establishes the committees.

Does DEST agree that with the ARC that the Bill is a significant change from the existing act?

Answer:

Australian Research Council

See answer to question E510_07.