

## EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

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

**Outcome:** 3

**Output Group:** 3.2- Assistance for collaboration and innovation

#### **DEST Question No. E517\_07**

Senator Stephens asked on 31 May 2006, EWRE Hansard page 104.

#### **Question:**

Senator Stephens - Thank you for that. Can you include the detail of that program in the summary of the funding?

Dr Arthur - We certainly can.

#### **Answer:**

##### *Major National Research Facilities (MNRF) Programme*

The MNRF Programme was launched in 2001 as part of the *Backing Australia's Ability* initiative, with over \$150 million in funding allocated to fifteen facilities over the five years from 2001-02 to 2005-06.

All funds under the MNRF Programme were allocated through a one-off competitive process in 2001 and have now been paid to facilities (refer to response to E516\_07).