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SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2007-2008 BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING

Outcome 5 – Science, Research and Innovation

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Senator Crossin asked on 30 May 2007, EWRE Hansard page 86.

Question:

Senator CROSSIN—Is there an allocation in your budget or the forward projections for this \$12 million package, or is it bundled up into that total amount for the waste facility?

Mr Irwin—That money was separately set aside by cabinet for the purpose of this negotiation.

Senator CROSSIN—Is it in your PBS? I am sorry, but I do not have a copy with it.

Mr Irwin—No.

Ms Borthwick—It is not.

Senator CROSSIN—Would I find that \$12 million in any PBS?

Ms Paul—I think it was in the minister for finance's contingency.

Senator CROSSIN—Is it in Finance and Administration's allocation?

Ms Paul—I think so. It was in the contingency fund. We could give you the technical details, if you wish.

Answer:

Waste Facility

The cash component of the proposed package of \$11 million is included in the contingency reserve as a fiscal impact. The total amount of the contingency reserve is recorded in Budget Paper 1, Chapter 6-33.