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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 Carr asked on 30 May 2007, EWRE Hansard page 106.

Question:

Senator CARR—It was put to me that there was initial funding—this is located at Flinders—of \$8.5 million for a plane and associated research instrumentation. The annual report for the facility in 2003 said that the plane was in hibernation for the year due to severe financial problems. Was that report ever sent to the department?

Mr Cook—I will have to take it on notice. I do not know. I am going off a rather vague memory now.

Senator CARR – I wonder if you could find out what its current funding status is.

Dr Arthur – We can certainly establish whether or not it is receiving funding from this department. Its overall funding status is not something we might –

Answer:

Airborne Research Australia Facility

1. Yes. The Department received the 2003 Annual Report for the Airborne Research Australia Facility.
2. Funding for this facility was provided under the first Major National Research Facilities Programme and ceased in 1999-00.