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**SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
2003-2004 SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING**

AGENCY: Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation

DEST Question No. E394_04

Senator Carr asked on 6 November 2003:

Question:

Please provide an inventory of the 344 rods transported, including age and condition of each rod.

Answer:

ANSTO has provided the following response:

The 2003 shipment of 344 fuel elements consisted of:

42 fuel elements discharged from the reactor during 1960-69.

82 fuel elements discharged from the reactor during 1970-79.

135 fuel elements discharged from the reactor during 1980-89.

85 fuel elements discharged from the reactor during 1990-99.

The condition of all the fuel elements was good. In accordance with the COGEMA contract, ANSTO and COGEMA inspected all fuel elements before shipment.