

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

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

Outcome: ALL

Output Group: ALL

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Senator Carr asked on 5 November 2003, EWRE Hansard page 67.

Question:

Can you confirm that the emphasis [in the interim report on *Mapping Australian Science and Innovation*] on the lack of maintenance of infrastructure was included at the insistence of private sector members of the Taskforce, who see this neglect as a major impediment to public/private collaboration? What research is that finding based on? Can you provide copies of this to the Committee?

Answer:

Mapping Australian Science and Innovation

The finding in relation to investment in and maintenance of Australia's research infrastructure was drafted by the Taskforce of departmental and agency officers. It was based on analysis of time series data supplied by ABS on the capital component of research and development expenditure. This data is set out in Section 3.1 of the Main Report, which was released on 28 November 2003, as well as in the background paper on research infrastructure, which is available from the mapping website (<www.dest.gov.au/mapping/>). As with other findings in the report, it was discussed with the Reference Group, which included members from research and business backgrounds as well as at the Stakeholder Forum held in Melbourne in September 2003.