

**EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING**

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

**Outcome:** 3  
**Output Group:** 3.2 – Science

**DEST Question No. E662\_04**

Senator Stott-Despoja asked on 17 November 2003

**Question:**

Did the government seek submissions from the State Government or other interest groups, such as the native title claimants, before moving to compulsorily acquire the land?

**Answer:**

*Urgent Compulsory Acquisition of Site 40a*

Questions concerning the acquisition of the national repository site should be directed to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration, the Hon Peter Slipper MP, who made the decision to acquire the site.