

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2004-2005 SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES HEARING

Outcome: 1
Output Group: ARC

DEST Question No. E336_05

Senator Stott Despoja provided in writing.

Question:

- (i) What impact will the Government's decision to support a UN declaration urging member countries to ban all forms of human cloning have on future Government funding for the Australian Stem Cell Centre and the biotechnology sector in Australia?
- (ii) Which Government Departments and Ministers were consulted in the process of arriving at the decision to support the Costa Rican proposal?
- (iii) Which State Governments and members of the biotechnology sector were consulted in the process of arriving at the decision to support the Costa Rican proposal?

Answer:

Australian Government support for United Nations treaty to ban cloning

The ARC has provided the following response.

- (i) No decision of the UN General Assembly has any necessary effect on Australian law or policy.
- (ii) The ARC understands that the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) has been asked for this information (Additional Estimates hearings written question on notice 1.1.7.2) and refers the Committee to DFAT's response.
- (iii) See answer to (ii).