

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

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

Outcome: 3

Output Group: 3.2 – Assistance for science collaboration and innovation

DEST Question No. E364_05

Senator Stott-Despoja provided in writing.

Question:

Can the Government provide details of communications with state Governments and agencies, with specific relation to the establishment of a Commonwealth nuclear waste dump?

Answer:

National Radioactive Waste Management – communications with states

The Prime Minister announced on 14 July 2004 that the national repository would be abandoned and that the Commonwealth would establish on Commonwealth land a co-located facility for low and intermediate radioactive waste generated by its own departments and agencies. There has been no communication with state/territory governments concerning the Commonwealth waste management facility at this stage.