

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

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

Outcome: 3

Output Group: 3.1 Research Infrastructure

DEST Question No. E365_05

Senator Stott Despoja provided in writing.

Question:

Can the Government provide details of communications with countries including France, the United States and Argentina for the processing and shipment of nuclear waste over the year 2004?

Answer:

Nuclear matters

There were no instances of government-to-government communication within the Education Science and Training Portfolio concerning the processing and shipment of nuclear waste in 2004. However, the Honourable Peter McGauran MP, as the Minister for Science, corresponded with the Honorable Spencer Abraham, United States (US) Secretary of Energy concerning the extension of the United States' Foreign Research Reactor Spent Nuclear Fuel Program.