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

Outcome: ANSTO
Output Group: ANSTO

DEST Question No. E369_05

Senator Nettle provided in writing.

Question:

The ANSTO website states; "This project finished at ANSTO in 1994, when the technology was sold to Silex Systems Limited, a privately owned company." Please provide all documents relating to this sale including valuations, contract, terms and a full list of items sold.

Answer:

Silex Systems Limited

ANSTO has provided the following response:

Following a review of the completeness and accuracy of the statement on the ANSTO website, it was amended to read:

This project finished at ANSTO in 1994. ANSTO subsequently sold some laboratory equipment to Silex Systems Limited, a privately owned company developing its own laser enrichment technology, and an ANSTO staff member who had been involved in the ANSTO project joined Silex.

The contract covering, inter alia, the sale of equipment referred to above (the "project agreement") is attached. A full list of items sold is at schedule 4 of the contract. Also attached are related agreements between ANSTO and Australian Nuclear Enterprises ('ANE', now Silex Systems Limited), concluded at the same time.