

## EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

### SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2005-2006 SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES HEARING

**Outcome:** 3

**Output Group:** 3.2 – Assistance for science collaboration and innovation

#### **DEST Question No. E464\_06**

Senator Crossin asked on 2 November 2005, EWRE Hansard page 58 and Senator Wong provided in writing.

*Refers to DEST Question No E120\_06.*

#### **Question:**

In that answer to Senator Carr, E120\_06, there is money listed under 'Public information and communications'. I would like a breakdown of that money and what it is intended to be spent on. Can you take that on notice for me? How much of the nearly \$14 million allocated over the forward estimates in this year's budget have DEST, other departments and agencies spent to date?

#### **Answer:**

##### *Commonwealth Radioactive Waste Management Facility – Budget and expenditure*

The breakdown of funding provided to Senator Carr was a preliminary estimate of the allocation of project funds made in advance of decisions on the location and number of sites for investigation. A more detailed breakdown of the project budget cannot be completed until the cost of the site assessment process is finalised.

Public information and communications expenses to date are:

<b>Expenses</b>	<b>GST Excl.</b>	<b>GST Incl.</b>
Venue Hire	\$ 3,368.72	\$ 3,705.59
Printing – Information Kit	\$ 33,537.18	\$ 36,890.90
Presentation Kit	\$ 21,368.00	\$ 23,504.80
Public Information – Advertising	\$ 3,030.81	\$ 3,333.89
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 61,304.71</b>	<b>\$ 67,435.18</b>

\$138,413.96 has been spent of the \$2.972 million allocated to the EST portfolio for the Commonwealth Radioactive Waste Management Facility in 2005-06. This reflects expenditure since 15 July 2005 when the Minister announced the three potential sites in the Northern Territory.

DEST does not hold information on expenditure on this project by other portfolios.