

## 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. E466\_06**

Senator Crossin provided in writing.

#### **Question:**

The proposal for the nuclear waste management facility at Woomera was for low level waste – what was the criteria or specification required at that time?

#### **Answer:**

##### *Radioactive Waste Management – Siting Criteria*

The siting criteria used to select Site 40a near Woomera were those set out in the National Health and Medical Research Council's *Code of practice for the near-surface disposal of radioactive waste in Australian (1992)*.

E467\_06 also refers to the relevant International Atomic Energy Agency Safety Requirements document *Near Surface Disposal of Radioactive Waste*.