

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. E469_06

Senator Crossin provided in writing.

Question:

Is there any restriction to the type of radioactive waste to be stored at the facility in the NT? Could that facility be used to store high level waste in the future? If so what would need to happen for this to occur?

Answer:

Commonwealth Radioactive Waste Management Facility

The Commonwealth Radioactive Waste Management Facility to be built in the Northern Territory would neither be designed nor licensed to manage high level radioactive waste.

Amendments to the Commonwealth Radioactive Waste Management Bill passed in the House of Representatives prohibit management of high level radioactive waste in the Facility.