

## 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. E480\_06**

Senators Crossin and Wong provided in writing.

#### **Question:**

What Australian based Siting Criteria are being applied to this proposed facility for long lived nuclear wastes including reprocessed spent nuclear fuel waste? Who set these criteria, and when were they formalized?

#### **Answer:**

*Commonwealth Radioactive Waste Management Facility – Siting Criteria*

The Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency (ARPANSA) has published the regulatory assessment guideline *Draft Criteria for the Siting of Controlled Facilities*. DEST expects that these criteria, which were published in April 1999, will be used by ARPANSA in assessing applications for siting licences.