

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. E483_06

Senator Crossin provided in writing.

Question:

If the Commonwealth has not formally set Siting Criteria for the proposed Store for long lived nuclear waste, why has this not been done at this late stage?

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.