

## 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. E486\_06 - Final**

Senator Crossin provided in writing.

#### **Question:**

Why has the Federal Government chosen to seek to remove any rights to procedural fairness concerning decisions/declarations under this Radioactive Waste Management Bill?

#### **Answer:**

*Commonwealth Radioactive Waste Management Facility*

Procedural fairness applies to all regulatory approval processes for the Commonwealth Radioactive Waste Management Facility, but does not apply to Ministerial decisions at the site selection stage of establishing the Facility.

In view of the overall timetable for establishing the facility, the Government considered this was necessary to avoid delays resulting from any legal challenges to the site selection process.