

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. E652_06

Senator Wong provided in writing.

Question:

Please provide details of meetings, correspondence and negotiations DEST or the Minister's office have had with indigenous groups in the Northern Territory.

Answer:

Commonwealth Radioactive Waste Management Facility- Meetings with Indigenous Groups

DEST has held the following meetings with indigenous groups in the Northern Territory:

- Central Land Council 26 July 2005
- Northern Land Council 2 August 2005
- Jawoyn Association 2 August 2005
- Northern Land Council 11 August 2005
- Jawoyn Association Annual General Meeting, Banatjarl Community, 5 October 2005;
- Northern Land Council Full Council Meeting, Crab Claw Island, 17 October 2005;
- Traditional owners near Mount Everard and Harts Range Defence properties, Mount Everard, 20 October 2005.

The Minister wrote to the Central and Northern Land Council advising them of the Government's decision to establish the Commonwealth Radioactive Waste Management Facility on 15 July 2005. There was subsequent correspondence on 26 October 2005, 8 November 2005 and 16 November 2005 (Central Land Council) and 17 August 2005, 5 October 2005, 3 November and 6 November 2005 (Northern Land Council).