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Senator Nettle asked on 2 November 2005, EWRE Hansard page 32.

Question:

In the context of a discussion regarding the cost of the OPAL reactor, and the information supplied to the Joint Standing Committee on Public Works, an offer was made to supply copies of the reports to that Committee.

Answer:

OPAL Reactor - costs

ANSTO has provided the following response:

There was some discussion regarding the total estimated cost of the reactor in the course of which Dr Smith indicated that the final estimated cost is periodically provided to the Public Works Committee (PWC). In fact, the PWC is provided with figures on expenditure to date, but has not been provided with an estimated final cost. Further, the reports to the PWC are confidential to that Committee and cannot be released without its consent.