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SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2006-2007 SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING

Outcome: 3

Output Group: 3.2 – Assistance for collaboration and innovation

DEST Question No. E553_07

Senator Crossin provided in writing.

Question:

What consultation has occurred with affected Aboriginal land owners and/or their representative bodies in relation to the waste facility plan since last Estimates?

Answer:

Commonwealth Radioactive Waste Management Facility

DEST responded to an information request from the Central Land Council (CLC) on 3 November 2006. The CLC had requested conceptual diagrams of the waste facility.

There has been an exchange of letters between DEST and the CLC regarding the native title claims over Harts Range and Mt Everard.

There has been ongoing informal consultation with the Northern Land Council (NLC). The Minister has received two letters from the NLC in relation to the facility.