

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

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

Outcome: 3

Output Group: 3.1 – Research Infrastructure

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Senator Wong provided in writing.

Question:

- (a) Does the NCRIS process take into account Australian industry needs in terms of research infrastructure?
- (b) Or is it for facilities prioritized by researchers, universities and research organizations?

Answer:

NCRIS and industry needs

- (a) Yes
- (b) The NCRIS key principles encourage industry participation and require that research infrastructure development is collaborative, national and non-exclusive. The principles state that NCRIS funding should encourage collaboration and co-investment with private sector research organisations, for example, direct industry participation is evident in the Investment Plans relating to the NCRIS Roadmap capabilities 5.1, 5.4 and 5.5.