

APPENDIX VI

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Lucas Heights—Nuclear Reactor—Order for Production of Documents

Senator Forshaw, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved—That there be laid on the table by the Minister for Industry, Science and Resources (Senator Minchin), no later than immediately after questions without notice on 8 February 2001, the following documents relating to the design and construction of a new nuclear reactor at Lucas Heights:

- (1) The final contract ('Conditions of Tender') and related documents signed between INVAP and the Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation (ANSTO) (Commonwealth Government).
- (2) All 'Request for Tender' documentation sent to vendors including:
 - (a) Clarification no. 1 to Invitation to seek Pre-qualification for Design and Construction;
 - (b) Pre-qualification documents, comprising:
 - (i) Conditions of pre-qualification,
 - (ii) Pre-qualification form, and
 - (iii) Pre-qualification schedules; and
 - (c) Information for vendors:
 - (i) Agenda for 1 September briefing for Australian Industry,
 - (ii) Clarification no. 1 to Invitation to Register Expressions of Interest for Supply of Goods or Services,
 - (iii) Background to the Replacement Research Reactor Project,
 - (iv) Beam users' requirements,
 - (v) Irradiation users' requirements, and

(vi) Overview of draft Environmental Impact Statement.

(3) All detailed field reports, complete daily itineraries and all related documents prepared by ANSTO and Department of Industry, Science and Resources staff when visiting reference reactor sites overseas. The sites visited include:

- (a) Indonesia (Siemens);
- (b) Germany (Siemens - BER 2);
- (c) Germany (Siemens - FRM 2);
- (d) South Korea (AECL);
- (e) Canada (AECL);
- (f) Egypt (INVAP);
- (g) France (Technicatome - Orphee); and
- (h) France (Technicatome - Osiris).

This must include the 'Report of the Team' as referred to in Professor Garnett's letter to Senator Forshaw on 27 October 2000, which included an evaluation and comparison of each site visited.

In addition, the cost of these reference visits and associated documentation.

- (4) The reprocessing contract with Cogema.
- (5) Any assessments of fuel management options by ANSTO and/or INVAP.
- (6) Any assessments of costings of the replacement reactor, including any advice regarding the cost implications of the conditions placed under the environmental impact assessment.
- (7) All advice from the Argentinian Government (or its agencies) regarding INVAP's ability to meet its contractual obligations.
- (8) Any probity or due diligence reports that were compiled by ANSTO regarding INVAP or any of the tenderers, and particularly any advice that was provided to Senator Minchin regarding INVAP prior to his approval of the contract.
- (9) Any correspondence on 6 June 2000 between Senator Minchin and Professor Garnett regarding the awarding of the reactor contract.

Question put and passed.

