

Senate Economics Legislation Committee

National Radioactive Waste Management Amendment (Site Specification, Community Fund and Other Measures) Bill 2020

Tuesday, 30 June 2020, Canberra

Question on Notice: Senator Hanson-Young

Question: What does ANSTO understand is the proportion of your waste that would make up what is stored at the Kimba site?

Answer:

As per the *Australian Radioactive Waste Management Framework*, dated April 2018, it is anticipated that the wastes resulting from ANSTO's operations and nuclear medicine production will account for approximately 78 per cent* of all wastes that would be managed at the National Radioactive Waste Management Facility (NRWMF).

*This figure is subject to revision as more information becomes available on:

- private sector radioactive waste holdings;
- the percentage of waste holdings from the private sector and states and territories that will be sent to the NRWMF; and
- the final results from characterisation of waste holdings at Woomera, which ANSTO understands is only in the preliminary stage.

Ultimately, the eligibility of any wastes for disposal or storage at the NRWMF will be dependent on the development and regulatory approval of the Waste Acceptance Criteria and the final facility design.