



Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation to attend public hearing *Canberra, 13 October 2005*

The Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation (ANSTO) and the Australian Institute of Nuclear Science and Engineering will appear at a public hearing this Thursday for a parliamentary inquiry into the strategic importance of Australia's uranium resources.

The House of Representatives Standing Committee on Industry and Resources is conducting a program of public hearings for its inquiry into the development of the non-fossil fuel energy industry in Australia. ANSTO will attend the public hearing in Committee Room 1R2, Parliament House, Canberra.

ANSTO is Australia's national nuclear research and development organisation and is the centre for Australian expertise in this field. ANSTO operates Australia's only nuclear reactor, HIFAR (High Flux Australian Reactor), which is used to produce radioactive products for medical and other industries, neutron beams for scientific research and to irradiate silicon for semiconductor applications. Its replacement, OPAL (Open Pool Australian Light-water reactor), is due to be completed in January 2007.

Public hearing — Thursday, 13 October 2005

Venue: Committee Room 1R2, Parliament House, Canberra
Time: 11.40 am – 1.15 pm, ANSTO (submission no. 29)

The inquiry is examining the global demand for Australia's uranium resources, the strategic importance of these resources and the potential implications for global greenhouse gas emission reductions from the further development and export of Australia's uranium resources.

Submissions to the inquiry are available on the Committee's web site:
www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/isr/uranium/subs.htm

For media comment, please contact the Committee Chairman, the Hon Geoff Prosser MP, on: (02) 6277 2055 (Parliament House) or (08) 9791 1146 (Electorate Office in Bunbury, WA)

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