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QUESTION No.: BI-5

Senator HEFFERNAN—.... I have questions on the national medical cyclotron, but I will go to the OPAL reactor. Can you confirm that the original budget for the reactor was \$300 million?

Mr McIntosh—In 1997 dollars it was \$286.4 million.

Senator HEFFERNAN—Near enough. What is the cost, including rectification, to this point?

Mr McIntosh—There was some additional money granted in the budget in 2002 or 2003 for security costs consequent upon September 11. That \$286.4 million was also inflated over the years and the cost of the reactor has been within that inflated—

Senator HEFFERNAN—So how much is it? Is it \$400 million?

Mr McIntosh—In current dollars? We will have to take that on notice.

ANSWER

Refer to BI-100 (Budget Estimates 2008-09).