## **Economics Legislation Committee**

## ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Industry, Innovation, Science, Research and Tertiary Education Portfolio Budget Estimates Hearing 2012-13 28 and 29 May 2012

**AGENCY/DEPARTMENT:** AUSTRALIAN NUCLEAR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY ORGANISATION (ANSTO)

**TOPIC:** Cost of Returned Waste Facility

**REFERENCE:** Question on Notice (Hansard, Monday 28 May 2012, page 11)

**QUESTION No.:** BI-4

**Senator LUDLAM:** Okay, if you could. What is your state of understanding of the total cost of the facility, which I understand is just a big shed?

**Dr Paterson:** The entire process—the waste return and the cost for the facility—is not absolutely finalised, as I indicated previously. But we will take on notice what the cost of the physical facility will be.

## **ANSWER**

The 2010-11 federal budget included \$4.3 million for the design and construction of the interim storage facility at ANSTO.