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SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2003-2004 ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING

Outcome: 3
Output Group: 3.1 – Research infrastructure

DEST Question No. E863_04

Senator Stott Despoja provided in writing

Question:

Please provide an update on the financial situation facing the ANU for rebuilding the Mt Stromlo Observatory including estimates of any funding shortfall and any grants to be provided by DEST.

Answer:

Mount Stromlo Observatory

The Australian Government has provided \$7.3 million to the Australian National University for rebuilding educational and research facilities on Mount Stromlo.

Advice from the University on its insurance position has indicated that it continues to negotiate with Ace and CGU and to explore options in regard to its claim with Chubb Insurance. The details of such negotiations are a confidential matter between the University and its insurers.