

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2005-2006 ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING

Outcome: 3

Output Group: 3.2 – Assistance for science collaboration and innovation.

DEST Question No. E834_06

Senator Stott Despoja provided in writing.

Question:

The National Interest Analysis of the Anglo-Australian Telescope Agreement Amendment 2005 Bill suggested the AATB may top up its funding through competitive grants from the Australian Research Council.¹ Given that the Anglo-Australian Observatory (AAO) is ineligible for ARC funding because it is not an educational institution, how will the AAO access this kind of funding?

Answer:

Competitive grant funding for the Anglo-Australian Telescope

Neither the National Interest Analysis nor other documentation relating to the Supplementary Agreement refers to Australian Research Council funding programmes.

¹ Report 68: Review of Treaties tabled on 7 December 2004 (5) and Treaties tabled on 9 August 2005