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AGENCY: Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation

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Senator Carr tabled on 4 June, 2003.

Question:

In the PBS it says that ANSTO's role includes "operating national nuclear facilities and associated infrastructure". Is that the heading under which the Agency could be said to rent out facilities at Lucas Heights? (Annual report 2001-02 p.106, PBS p.179)

Answer:

ANSTO has provided the following response.

Renting facilities at Lucas Height

A closer match for renting of facilities at Lucas Heights would be Output 3.4, at page 192 of the PBS. Output 3.4 is "Science and technology services to industry and the Australian research and development community". Statutory authority for the rental of facilities at Lucas Heights is found in paragraph 5(1)(ea) of the Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation Act 1987. That paragraph provides, so far as relevant:

"(1) The functions of the Organisation are:

(ea) to make available to other persons, on a commercial basis, the knowledge, expertise, equipment, facilities, resources and property of the Organisation by:

...

(iii) leasing land, buildings and facilities".