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AUSTRALIAN NUCLEAR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
ORGANISATION AMENDMENT BILL 1992

SUPPLEMENTARY EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

Amendment to be moved on behalf of the Government

(Circulated by the authority of the
Minister for Industry, Technology and Commerce,
Senator the Hon. John N Button)

The amendment reflects the Government's intention that the Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation's (ANSTO) Lucas Heights Research Laboratories will not become a national waste repository.

Sub-clause 4(1) of the Australian Science and Technology Organisation Amendment Bill 1992 accords ANSTO the function of conditioning, managing and storing radioactive waste arising from its own activities, the activities of companies in which it has a controlling interest, the use by third parties of radioactive materials produced by ANSTO or such companies as well as other radioactive substances arising from the activities of persons who are specified in the regulations. The amendment provides that such regulations must not have the effect of authorising ANSTO's Lucas Heights Laboratories to become a National Repository.

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