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NATIONAL COMMITTEES FOR SCIENCE Muses C Task Force

2009 BUSINESS PLAN or WORK PLAN, including TIMELINES AND PROPOSED BUDGETS

Note: This plan will be published on the National Committees pages of the Academy of Science website www.science.org.au/natcoms.

1. Aims of this Task Force.

To facilitate the recovery and return of the Muses C (Hayabusa) capsule that will return to Earth, landing in Australia, in 2010.

2. Strategies to allow these aims to be achieved. Eg engaging to a greater extent with the secondary and / or tertiary education sectors; promoting the benefits of your discipline to the Australian community; strengthening relationships with scientific societies; contributing to policy development; facilitating the international engagement by Australian scientists

We liaise with the Japanese Space Agency (JAXA) through participation in the Hayabusa Science Team Meetings and we will participate in the preliminary examination of returned material.

3. Plan of work/activities (and proposed budget details) in 2009 which will achieve the aims:

The Japanese Recovery team will likely visit during the year to rehearse their recovery procedures. We will offer our assistance in facilitating their operations.

Samples from the recovery area will be analysed with a view to ascertaining potential contamination issues should the capsule be damaged on landing.

Liaison will be organised with other Australian agencies involved in the return.

Progress against these identified Work Plan activities will be reported on in the Chairs' annual reports to the Academy. Work Plans for 2008 can be viewed at www.science.org.au/natcoms