

Economics Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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AGENCY/DEPARTMENT: DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY

TOPIC: Industry and Education split of responsibilities

REFERENCE: Written Question – Senator Carr

QUESTION No.: SI-153

1. Further to Senator Carr's question in Estimates, does the issue of TAFEs offering degrees fall within the Department of Education or the Department of Industry?
2. Further to Senator Carr's question in Estimates, will the administrative orders be changed to reflect the scope of vocational education and skills development?
3. Will a formal process be established in order for the Department of Education and the Department of Industry to liaise on issues regarding vocational education and skills development? If so, what will the process be?
4. Can the Department confirm who looks after VET in schools?

ANSWER

1. The Department of Education.
2. At this stage no further AAO changes are scheduled.
3. The Department of Industry and Department of Education currently liaise via regular meetings at senior levels.
4. The Departments of Education and Industry share responsibility for VET in schools, with the Department of Education responsible for the policy and operation of VET in Schools within schools and the Department of Industry with responsibilities for facilitating industry developed standards for VET in Schools courses.