

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

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Senator Johnston asked on 18 February 2004, EWRE Hansard page 54

Question:

What reporting requirements were there for outcomes and the acquittal of funds under the skill centre program in 1998 either to the state government or to ANTA?

Answer:

CSTC

ANTA has provided the following response.

The guidelines in existence at the time were called the *'Infrastructure Program Skill Centre Component Information and Guidelines'*. The relevant sections of the guidelines state that

'As part of the reporting processes to be put in place by States/Territories, arrangements should be included to ensure that Skill Centres provide details of courses conducted and student numbers, on a six monthly basis, for a period of five years.'

The program guidelines also require the State or Territory to

- ensure they receive regular reports on the progress towards the establishment of approved Skill Centres.
- keep ANTA informed of such progress and especially if there is to be any significant changes to the project or delays against the agreed timeframe.
- provide a report on the outcomes and a statement regarding expenditure of the funds and the operation of the Centre having regard to the details of courses conducted and student numbers.

Under the guidelines, reporting requirements between the proponent and the state or territory training authorities are a matter for the state or territory in question. ANTA is not party to these agreements.