

## EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

### SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2004-2005 ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING

**Outcome:** 1  
**Output Group:** 1.1 - Funding for Schools

#### **DEST Question No. E523\_05**

Senator Carr asked on 16 February 2005, EWRE Hansard page 61.

#### **Question:**

Can you, on notice, tell me the number of colleges that will establish with more than one industry?

#### **Answer:**

##### *Australian Technical Colleges*

The number and types of industries offered in each College will depend on local industry and business needs. It is expected that each College will specialise in one area of trade training, but will ultimately offer trade training from at least four industries, which may include:

- metal and engineering;
- automotive;
- building and construction;
- electrotechnology; and
- commercial cookery.

Until proposals are received, it is not possible to say how many Colleges will commence with more than one industry. It is likely that most of the Colleges will begin by providing training in the trade that they intend to specialise in, expanding to provide training in other areas over time, as their capacity develops and according to demand.

Over 160 Expressions of Interest were received from individual organisations, partnerships or consortia interested in supporting, becoming involved in, or establishing an Australian Technical College in one or more of the 24 regions. A number of these offered general support for Australian Technical Colleges. There was no requirement to specify details of any future proposals but 66 submissions did specifically identify operating in more than one industry.