

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. E644_05

Senator Crossin provided in writing.

Question:

In answer to question E329_05 of December 2004 it was said that DEST are managing the tender process for the new technical colleges, and then monitoring the actual set up of the colleges by the successful tenderers. Will this include any capital works such as buildings and will DEST employ any special staff for this process or will it be done by existing staff?

Answer:

Australian Technical Colleges

DEST staff will monitor the establishment of the Australian Technical Colleges (ATC) including any capital works projects. It is envisaged that DEST will use the existing administrative arrangements under the Capital Grants Programme. Staff will be able to seek expert advice about capital works from the relevant Block Grant Authority in relation to non-government school submissions, and the relevant State/Territory education authority in relation to submissions from government schools.

The model and mix of the Australian Technical College's including any capital works will not be known until proposals are submitted. It is expected that for 2006 start-ups there will be limited capital works.