EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

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

Outcome:

Output Group: 1.1 – Funding for Schools

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Senator Crossin provided in writing.

Question:

Can colleges cover several industry groups? How will it be possible for them to do this?

Answer:

Australian Technical Colleges

While it is expected that the Colleges will specialise in a particular trade, each will be required to offer trade training from at least four industries including:

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

Colleges will not be required to provide training from four industries on commencement, but will be expected to expand their offerings to cover a range of industries over time, as their capacity increases.

The Colleges will have effective linkages with local industry partners who will provide strategic direction and support to the operations of the Colleges, including leadership of the governing bodies, and with Registered Training Organisations which can provide specialised training.