

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

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

Outcome: 1
Output Group: 1.1 – Funding for Schools

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Senator Crossin provided in writing.

Question:

Can you explain how and why states and territories are expected to provide recurrent funds to these new, and **private** colleges when their existing TAFE departments are under funded?

Answer:

Australian Technical Colleges

The Colleges will be registered schools, providing education to Year 11 and 12 students enrolled in senior secondary certificates under relevant State and Territory Education Acts. As such, depending on their design and structure, the Colleges will have access to the same rate of relevant public funding from the Australian Government and State/Territory governments for their school operations as do other government and non-government schools.

Registered Training Organisations, including those Colleges which are RTOs, providing the off-the-job training for School-based New Apprenticeships may be eligible for User Choice funding according to the normal arrangements. Note that some States fund training for School-based New Apprenticeships from their education budget rather than their VET budget.