

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2005-2006 ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING

Outcome: 1
Output Group: 1.1 – Funding for Schools

DEST Question No. E990_06

Senator Wong provided in writing.

Question:

In respect of each Australian Technical College where a funding agreement has been signed:

- (1) Who are the members of the consortium chosen to operate the Australian Technical College?
- (2) What are the names of the government and/or non-government schools in the consortium which will have responsibility for delivering the relevant year 11 and 12 school curriculum?
- (3) What fees, if any, will be payable by students at the college to the schools identified in part (2).
 - (a) for 'general' purposes and
 - (b) for accredited training
- (4) What are the registered training organisations (RTOs) in the consortium which will have responsibility for delivering the relevant accredited training?
- (5) What fees, if any, will be payable by students at the college to the RTOs identified in part (4).
- (6) How many campuses/locations does the consortium propose to establish and where will they be located?
- (7) How many students does the college expect to enrol (a) in total and (b) at each location identified in part 6, (i) in 2006 and (ii) when operating at full capacity.
- (8) What programs does the college expect to offer (a) in 2006 and (b) when operating at full capacity?
- (9) When does the college expect to be operating at full capacity?
- (10) What is the total sum of funding made available under this contract for the current budget year and over the forward estimates?
- (11) For the Catholic and independent schools that have responsibility within the College, what will be the schools' SES scores and level of general recurrent funding (per capita and total). Please also estimate the level of state or territory recurrent funding.

Answer:

Funding Agreements signed with Australian Technical Colleges as at 30th March 2006.

(1) Consortium Members:

College	Consortium
Eastern Melbourne	Ringwood Secondary College (lead), Eastern Industry Education Partnership, Australian Automotive Air, MEGT Australia Ltd, Student Training Hospitality Services, Maroondah City Council, and St Joseph's College Ferntree Gully.
Gladstone	Commerce Queensland, Gladstone Engineering Alliance, Gladstone Area Group Apprentices Ltd, and Central Queensland University.
Port Macquarie	Trustees of the Diocese of Lismore – St Josephs Vocational College.
Northern Tasmania	St Patrick's College (lead), Learning Partners, Northern Group Training, and The Tasmanian Chamber of Commerce and Industry.
Gold Coast	AB Paterson College, The Australian Institute of Technology, GTA Human Resources, Commerce Queensland, Construction Training Queensland, Gold Coast Marine Industry Association, Queensland MBA, Australian Culinary Association.
North Queensland	Townsville Chamber of Commerce and Thuringowa Chamber of Commerce.
North Brisbane	Redcliffe City Council and Commerce Queensland.

(2) Schools delivering Year 11/12 curriculum:

College	Schools
Eastern Melbourne	Ringwood Secondary College. St Joseph's College, Ferntree Gully.
Gladstone	State High Schools: Gladstone, Toolooa, Tannum Sands, Moura, Biloela. Non-government schools: Chanel College and St Stephens Lutheran College.
Port Macquarie	St Joseph's Vocational College
Northern Tasmania	Australian Technical College – Northern Tasmania (to be registered as a non-government school)
Gold Coast	For 2006-07 the ATC will support students while they remain enrolled in their existing schools. From 2008 all training will be provided through the ATC.
North Queensland	Australian Technical College – North Queensland (to be registered as a non-government school)
North Brisbane	Australian Technical College – North Brisbane (to be registered as a non-government school)

(3) Student fees:

(a) Fees per College for general purposes:

College	Fees (per student per annum)
Eastern Melbourne	\$500.00
Gladstone	\$500.00
Port Macquarie	\$1,251.00
Northern Tasmania	\$500.00
Gold Coast	\$2,000.00
North Queensland	Nil
North Brisbane	Nil

(b) Nil

(4) Registered Training Organisations:

College	RTO
Eastern Melbourne	Box Hill TAFE, Hospitality Training Services and MEGT Australia Ltd. As facilities are completed the ATC will undertake RTO accreditation in its own right.
Gladstone	Central Queensland Institute of TAFE, and Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) with other accredited RTOs as required.
Port Macquarie	Priority One Employment and Training (to be registered as an RTO)
Northern Tasmania	Australian Technical College – Northern Tasmania (to be registered as an RTO)
Gold Coast	The Australian Institute of Technology has been contracted by the ATC (following a tender process) to provide trade training to its students during its interim operational arrangements over 2006 and 2007.
North Queensland	Australian Technical College – North Queensland (to be registered as an RTO)
North Brisbane	Australian Technical College – North Brisbane (to be registered as an RTO)

(5) No further fees have been identified in the Business Plans.

(6) Campuses:

College	Campus Locations
Eastern Melbourne	Ringwood and Ferntree Gully
Gladstone	Gladstone (3), Toolooa, Tannum Sands, Moura, Biloela
Port Macquarie	Port Macquarie and Taree
Northern Tasmania	Launceston and Burnie
Gold Coast	2006-2007 utilising multiple existing schools, Helensvale 2008
North Queensland	Townsville
North Brisbane	Scarborough and Fortitude Valley

(7) Student Enrolments:

College	Total 2006	Total 2009	Per Campus 2006		Per Campus 2009	
Eastern Melbourne	75	315	Ringwood	45	Ringwood	225
			Ferntree Gully	30	Ferntree Gully	90
Gladstone	30	135	Gladstone (3), Toolooa, Tannum Sands, Moura, Biloela.	30	Gladstone (3), Toolooa, Tannum Sands, Moura, Biloela.	135
Port Macquarie	260	405	Port Macquarie	215	Port Macquarie	300
			Taree	45	Taree	105
Northern Tasmania	50	323	Launceston	33	Launceston	209
			Burnie	17	Burnie	114
Gold Coast	45	300	Existing Schools	45	Helensvale	300
North Queensland	Nil	300	Townsville	Nil	Townsville	300
North Brisbane	Nil	350	Scarborough	Nil	Scarborough	250
			Fortitude Valley	Nil	Fortitude Valley	100

(8) Programs Offered:

College	Programs 2006	Programs 2009
Eastern Melbourne	Automotive, Commercial Cookery.	Automotive, Commercial Cookery, Engineering, Building and Construction, Manufacturing, Warehousing/Distribution.
Gladstone	Metals and Engineering, Automotive, Electro-technology.	Metals and Engineering, Automotive, Electro-technology, Building and Construction, Mining and Process Plant Operation.
Port Macquarie	Metals and Engineering, Construction, Furniture Making.	Metals and Engineering, Construction, Furniture Making, Automotive, Electro-technology.
Northern Tasmania	Building and Construction, Metals and Engineering.	Building and Construction, Metals and Engineering, Automotive, Commercial Cookery, Electro-technology, Rural.
Gold Coast	Construction, Commercial Cookery.	Construction, Commercial, Cookery, Automotive, Engineering.
North Queensland	Nil	Metals and Engineering, Automotive, Building and Construction, Electro-technology.
North Brisbane	Nil	Metals and Engineering, Automotive, Building, Construction, Electro-technology, Commercial Cookery.

- (9) Port Macquarie ATC will be fully operational by 2007, North Brisbane by 2008 and the remaining five Colleges by 2009.
- (10) Funding Agreements are still being negotiated with other proponents and release of this information would prejudice these negotiations.
- (11) The information requested will not be available until a formal application for recurrent funding has been lodged by the respective Colleges. Following that, student address data may need to be obtained and only then, can an SES score be calculated. State and Territory governments are responsible for determining levels of their own recurrent funding for schools.