

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2006-2007 ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING

Outcome: 1
Output Group: 1.1 – Funding for Schools

DEST Question No. E820_07

Senator Carr provided in writing.

Question:

Australian Technical Colleges

1. Australian Technical Colleges (ATCs):
 - a. How many ATCs are now operational?
 - b. How many students are enrolled in each of those?
 - c. Are those enrolments in each case reaching the targets or predictions contained in QON answer 3755, tabled in the House on 30 October last year?
2. Eastern Melbourne College:
 - a. How many students are enrolled in the Eastern Melbourne College?
 - b. The target for 2007 was 180. How many are there?
3. Gladstone College:
 - a. The target for 2007 was 65. How many do you have there?
 - b. Do you expect to reach the projected enrolment of 135 by 2009?
 - c. How many do you expect in Gladstone by 2011?
4. Gold Coast College. You projected 135 for this year. How many are there?
5. You say that arrangements at Nerang/Benowa were "interim" as at 30 October last year.
 - a. What is meant by that?
 - b. Are permanent arrangements now in place? Please provide details.
6. Northern Tasmania. Have you reached the projected enrolment of 175 there?
7. Port Macquarie. Do you have the expected 325 at that college?

Answer:

Australian Technical Colleges

1. Australian Technical Colleges (ATCs):
 - a. 20.
 - b, c Refer E991-07
2.
 - a. 86
 - b. 86
3.
 - a. 61
 - b. Yes.
 - c. The funding agreement with Gladstone is for the period 2005 to end 2009, therefore student numbers are only projected until the end of 2009.
4. 116

5. Interim arrangements at the Australian Technical College – Gold Coast:
 - a. The interim arrangements relate to both the premises and the model. In 2006 and 2007 the College is operating under an interim model where education is delivered under MOUs through existing schools. In terms of premises, the College is currently using the existing skills centre at Nerang for trade training and Imagine Education premises at Benowa for business training.
 - b. It is expected that the College will move to new purpose built facilities in 2008. The College has applied for school registration for 2008.
- 6 No.
- 7 No.