

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

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

Outcome: 1
Output Group: 1.1 – Funding for Schools

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Senator Carr provided in writing.

Question:

Australian Technical Colleges - Evaluation

How will you evaluate the performance of ATCs? Please provide details of timetable, processes, criteria etc.

Answer:

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Colleges are assessed annually on the basis of performance against the Key Performance Indicators in their Funding Agreements, which are:

- the number of students enrolled at the College is consistent with the number estimated in the Business Plan;
- the number of students placed in an Australian School-Based Apprenticeship is consistent with the number estimated in the Business Plan;
- the proportion of students who commence Year 11 or Year 12 at the College who complete a senior secondary certificate or equivalent at the College is consistent with the proportion of students who commence Year 11 or Year 12 and complete a senior secondary certificate or equivalent at other schools in the region and State/Territory;
- 95% of students achieve positive post-school outcomes;
- 90% of industry and business representatives surveyed are satisfied with the College; and
- 90% of students surveyed are satisfied with the College.

The appropriation provided for the programme from 2005 to 2009 under the Australian Technical Colleges (Flexibility in Achieving Australia's Skills Needs) Act. It is anticipated that a review of the programme will be undertaken in 2008.