

**Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace
Relations**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Additional Estimates 2009-2010**

Outcome 3 - Higher Education

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Senator Cormann asked on 11/02/2010, Hansard page 30.

Question

ATCS - CAPITAL FUNDING

Ms Paul—In this instance, if that is the case—and I do not know this case, Senator, and I am happy to take it on notice—it sounds like the venue may have shifted. That is fine. That would have been part of our negotiations. Senator CORMANN—But we have invested quite a lot of Commonwealth capital funding into it. Ms Paul—That is right. That would have been part of the negotiation of the funding agreement, I am sure. I am happy to give you the— Senator CORMANN—It seems like a waste of money. Ms Paul—Not necessarily. Ms McKinnon—Some of the premises were rented across the range of ATCs and part of that discussion with whoever was taking on the ATC was were there more permanent premises for those students that were not in ongoing rented premises. Senator CORMANN—Were the Spencer Gulf and Outback ATC premises rented or were they built? Ms McKinnon—I will come back to you, Senator, with answering the question that I think you are getting at. Senator CORMANN—It is a concern, surely. If we invest capital funding at a Commonwealth level— Ms Paul—It depends whether you did, and I think that is what we have taken on notice.

Answer

The Australian Technical College– Spencer Gulf and Outback(ATC SGO) operated from three premises. The premises in Port Augusta and Whyalla were leased andthe SA Department forFurther Education, Employment, Science and Technology (DFEEST)has through TAFE SA assumed ownership for the purchased facilities at Port Pirie (QoN: EW0996_10 refers).