

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2003-2004 BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING

Outcome: 2

Output Group: 2.4 – Funding for higher education

DEST Question No. E042_04

Senator Carr asked on 5 June 2003:

Question:

- a) How would the Department regard a proposal to amalgamate the University of Tasmania with the Australian Maritime College?
- b) Has this idea been discussed with representatives of either, or both, of those two institutions? What was the outcome of any such discussions?
- c) Is this supported by the (1) the University? (2) the AMC?

Answer:

Australian Maritime College

- a) The Australian Maritime College operates under the *Maritime College Act 1978* which is administered by the Minister for Transport and Regional Services. Any proposal to amalgamate the Australian Maritime College with any university would be for joint consideration by both portfolios.
- b) Representatives from the AMC and the University of Tasmania have discussed with the Department their views on amalgamation. These discussions were initiated separately by the two institutions. The outcome of the discussions was information exchange and the views of both institutions have been noted.
- c) (i) The University of Tasmania has expressed interest in an amalgamation with the Australian Maritime College.

(ii) The Australian Maritime College has expressed opposition to an amalgamation of the AMC with the University of Tasmania.