

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

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

Outcome: 1
Output Group: 1.1 – Funding for schools

DEST Question No. E135_07

Senator Evans provided in writing.

Question:

- a) Please indicate the level of funding for Australian Technical Colleges in Western Australia in 2006-07 and the period of the forward estimates (broken down by year).
- b) Given that the WA Australian Technical Colleges may be delivered through non-government organisations, in partnership with local government, please indicate the level of funding provided to those organisations by the Commonwealth, broken down by capital and program funding and by year, for 2006-07 and over the period of the forward estimates? Please also explain how the funding formula for the WA colleges is arrived at.
- c) Please indicate how many student places will be provided by Australian Technical Colleges in WA in 2006-07 and over the period of the forward estimates, broken down by year, and indicate how many of those places will be funded by the Commonwealth.

Answer:

Western Australia Australian Technical Colleges

(a), (b) and (c) A funding agreement has been signed to establish the Australian Technical College – Perth South. A funding agreement for the Pilbara is still under negotiation and so the detail of arrangements cannot be provided as they are yet to be confirmed.

Funding details for the Australian Technical College – Perth South

	2006	2007	2008	2009	TOTAL
Operational (\$):	1,725,525	2,300,000	2,395,000	2,345,000	8,765,525
Capital (\$):	5,655,892	1,542,500	185,000	175,000	7,558,392
TOTAL (\$):	7,381,417	3,842,500	2,580,000	2,520,000	16,323,917

The funding allocated to successful proposals is on the basis of need and depends on the educational model, the mix of existing and new infrastructure, location and other relevant factors as detailed in the Request For Proposal.

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Once school registration is complete, it is anticipated that recurrent funding will be available for every student.