

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2007-2008 BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING

Outcome

DEST Question No. E004_08

Senator Crossin provided in writing.

Question:

In an article in The Age, 12th May 2007, page 5 a figure for ATC's of \$25,000 a student is quoted as the per student cost to date. How accurate is that according to your estimates in relation to the Darwin ATC?

Answer:

Australian Technical Colleges

1. There is no basis for the figure of \$25,000 stated in the Age.
2. Funding for Colleges is not provided on a per capita basis.
3. Funding includes significant establishment and capital costs in the early years. The total funding for a College cannot be compared with operating costs of existing schools.