

**EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS**

**SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
2008-09 BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING**

**Outcome 4**

**DEEWR Question No. EW 84\_09**

Senator Boyce provided in writing.

**Question**

*Institute of Trade Skills Excellence*

Labor has cut the institutes funding by \$20.9 million over four years. It is unclear whether the institute will now be viable. (Page 353 of Budget papers no. 2)

How long has the institute been operating?

**Answer**

The Institute received start up funding in the 2005-06 Financial Year.

The Institute for Trade Skills Excellence was officially registered as a company on 21 August 2006.

The Institute has been fully operational since mid 2007.