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Senator Macdonald asked on 5 June 2008, EEWL Hansard page 33-34.

Question

Mackay Skills Training Centre through the University of Central Queensland - Senator Macdonald to provide the Department with newspaper clippings.

Answer

Australian Technical Colleges

The Central Queensland University's mining simulation centre does not relate to the Australian Technical Colleges Program. This question has been forwarded to the Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research.

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Govt to hear case for CQU mining simulation centre

Posted Wed May 21, 2008 8:00am AEST

The Central Queensland University (CQU) is holding a meeting today with the Federal Government to ask for a mining simulation centre.

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The Howard government promised \$5 million for the project during last year's election campaign, but the centre has now been dropped by Labor.

The head of the Mackay campus, Trevor Davison, says all key players will be at the meeting and he is hoping it will be success.

"We have a meeting today between myself, James Bidgood MP and Derek Hunter, CEO [chief executive officer] of the Mining Industry Skills Centre," he said.

"We are using a teleconference to connect to Kim Carr's office in Canberra and the meeting is about funding for the simulation research centre."

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