

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2004-2005 SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES HEARING

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Senator Crossin provided in writing.

Question:

What funding per student will the government provide for these colleges? How does this compare with funding paid to students in existing TAFE colleges?

Answer:

Technical Colleges

The Australian Technical Colleges will receive Australian Government schools general recurrent funding as well as additional funding in recognition of the high cost of specialised vocational training. The funding per student will depend on the nature of the College, for example, whether it is a government or non-government school. The additional funding will be for a mixture of capital and recurrent funding. The Australian Government expects that State and Territory Governments will provide recurrent funding to each College at current per-student rates. In addition, in most States and Territories, School-based New Apprentices attract User Choice funding. As the selection of organisation/consortia to administer the 24 Colleges will be subject to a tender process it is not appropriate at this stage to provide funding figures for the Australian Technical Colleges.

As the Australian Technical Colleges are schools providing both academic and vocational education for students in years 11 and 12 students, the funding for students in TAFE colleges is not comparable to that for the Technical Colleges.