

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

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

Outcome: 1
Output Group: 1.1 – Funding for schools

DEST Question No. E326_05

Senator Crossin provided in writing.

Question:

Figures quoted in the Mercury, 13th November by Tim Martain (Education Reporter) state that the Government's own figures show the operating costs of these colleges will be \$20,444 for the first year of operation as against \$2235 per student in the present system. Are these figures correct and if not what will they be?

Answer:

Technical Colleges

No. The figures quoted are not accurate. They were taken from the Australian Education Union's media release of 30 September which was based on incorrect assumptions. These are explained in the response to question E425_05.