

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

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

Outcome: 1

Output Group: 1.1 – Funding for schools

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Senator Crossin provided in writing.

Question:

1. How will these new colleges work in with existing TAFE's where they are going to be near side by side – for example the new college in Darwin will be close to present TAFE facilities at Charles Darwin University; the new college at Warrnambool will be close to an already existing and excellent TAFE institute ?
2. Are these new colleges not just duplicating facilities which already exist, and with proper indexed funding allowing for growth could already have been providing many more TAFE places for years?

Answer:

Technical Colleges

Tenders to establish Australian Technical Colleges will be based on partnerships of local businesses, private and public registered training organisations, including TAFEs, government and non-government schools, and universities and other education providers. All tenderers will be expected to demonstrate partnerships to enable the College to draw on existing industry and educational infrastructure. Appropriate usage of existing infrastructure will be a significant consideration in the tender process.