EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

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

Outcome:1Output Group:1.1 – Funding for schools

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Senator Crossin provided in writing.

Question:

What fees are proposed for these new colleges - how much and who will pay?

Answer:

Technical Colleges

At government schools non-compulsory contributions are levied for a range of items, such as course materials and field-trips. These fees will continue to apply in Australian Technical Colleges, as they do already in public State schools.

Non-government schools charge fees as part of their funding mix. Non-government schools are able to tender to provide an Australian Technical College. However, as with all non-government schools, Australian Technical Colleges will be required to be run on a not-for-profit basis, and no additional fees over and above existing fees will be able to be charged.