

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. E414_05

Senator Carr provided in writing.

Question:

Will the Commonwealth Government be responsible for the administration and operation of the Technical Colleges?

What reporting, acquittal and evaluation requirements will be successful technical college tenders have to meet?

Please provide details of the Department's quality assurance for the technical colleges.

Answer:

Technical Colleges

The administration and operation of an Australian Technical College will be the responsibility of the College governing authority and principal.

Colleges will be required to report to DEST on a range of key performance indicators. These will be provided in detail in the request for tender documents.

In advance of the request for tender, the Department will prepare a detailed probity and evaluation plan to assure the quality of the tender process. The quality assurance arrangements for the implementation and operation of Colleges by successful tenderers will be provided in detail in the request for tender documents.