

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 Carr provided in writing.

Question:

Will the Commonwealth Government be responsible for the establishing of curriculum in the technical colleges?

Answer:

Technical Colleges

The Australian Government has indicated its requirements for the curriculum at Australian Technical Colleges. Colleges will offer academic courses in English, science, mathematics, and information technology as part of the year 12 certificate. Vocational training, undertaken by way of a School based New Apprenticeship, will form part of the senior secondary certificate and in addition lead to a nationally recognised vocational qualification under the Australian Qualifications Framework. The range of trades offered at each College will depend on local industry needs and future growth. In addition, the teaching of enterprise education, small business and employability skills will be embedded throughout the curriculum. The curriculum offered by the Colleges will be accredited with relevant school authorities.