

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:

The Coalitions “*Australians Technical Colleges*” policy document on page 7 states that... “...*in the case of non-government schools, no additional fees will be able to be charged in respect of the Australian Technical Colleges*”

What does “*no additional fees*” mean? What would fees charged by technical colleges be in addition to?

Answer:

Technical Colleges

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.

At government schools non-compulsory contributions are levied for a range of items, such as course material and field trips. These fees will continue to apply in Australian Technical Colleges. Employers may also be eligible to receive a bonus Australian Government School-based Retention incentive to enable the student to complete this training.