

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

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

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Output Group: 1.1 – Funding for schools

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Senator Carr asked in writing.

Question:

Is it possible that non-government schools which successfully tender for technical colleges could charge existing school fees for students attending the technical college?

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.