

## EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

### SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2005-2006 SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES HEARING

**Outcome:** 1

**Output Group:** 1.1 – Funding for schools

#### **DEST Question No. E582\_06**

Senator Crossin provided in writing.

#### **Question:**

Has the ATC proposed for Darwin sought an extension to put in final plans and costing until the end of November? Has this been granted? Have you any idea when this ATC might now be finalized and possibly start?

#### **Answer:**

*Australian Technical Colleges - Darwin*

On 15 September 2005, the successful applicant for Australian Technical College (ATC) - Darwin sought and was given an extension of time to submit the first draft of their Business Plan by the end of November 2005.

Subsequent to this, the applicant has sought a further extension to submit their draft Business Plan by the end of December 2005.

It is expected that the Commonwealth and ATC - Darwin will enter into a Funding Agreement early in 2006 to allow for the commencement of operations in 2007.