

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

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

Outcome: 1
Output Group: 1.1 – Funding for Schools

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Senator Wong provided in writing.

Question:

Who is accountable for the financial and educational performance of each Australian Technical College? Please identify each individual responsible body for each of the Colleges announced to date.

Answer:

Australian Technical Colleges accountability for financial and educational performance.

Under the Legislation each Australian Technical College must have an 'approved authority' (the body the Minister determines in writing to be the approved *authority of a school system or school under the Schools Assistance (Learning Together – Achievement Through Choice and Opportunity) Act 2004*), which will sign funding agreements and be accountable for financial and educational performance of the College.

Of the Colleges announced so far the following determinations have been issued for the approval of ATC authorities:

Australian Technical College	ATC Authority
Port Macquarie	Trustees of the Roman Catholic Church for the Diocese of Lismore
Gold Coast	Australian Technical College Gold Coast Limited
Gladstone	Australian Technical College Gladstone Region
Geelong	Barwon Technical College Limited
Bendigo	Australian Technical College Bendigo Limited
Bairnsdale/Sale	Australian Technical College Gippsland Incorporated
Northern Tasmania	St Patrick's College (*interim arrangement pending incorporation of new body)
Whyalla/Port Augusta	The Corporation of the City of Port Augusta (*interim arrangement pending incorporation of new body)