

EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT & WORKPLACE RELATIONS
SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE – QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
2008-09 SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING

Outcome 2

DEEWR Question No. EW837_09

Senator Fierravanti-Wells provided in writing.

Question

Australian Technical College - Illawarra

What approaches, discussions or other contact has been between the Minister or the Department with the ATC Board, including with any of its directors, since 24 November 2007. If so, please provide details including the date of such contact, details of the contact, persons who participated in any discussions, the outcome and nature of such discussions.

Answer

The table at Attachment A provides details of the direct contact between the ATC – Illawarra Board members and the Department or Minister for Education.

The nature of the contact relates to (1) funding agreement management or (2) consultation to integrate the College into the broader trade training effort.

The outcome of (1) is ongoing funding agreement management.

The outcome of (2) is ongoing consultation and negotiation towards the integration of the College into the broader trade training effort.

ATTACHMENT A

DATE	CONTACT TYPE	ATC BOARD MEMBER	DETAILS OF COMMUNICATION
21 December 2007	Letter from Deputy Prime Minister	Board Chair	Advising funding agreements will be honoured until the end of 2009 and that ATCs will be integrated into the broader training effort.
7 February 2008	Forum of all Colleges	Board Chair	Consultation process and post-2009 arrangements.
20 February 2008	Letter from DEEWR	Board Chair	Consultation process and post-2009 arrangements.
3 March 2008	Letter from DEEWR	Board Chair	Funding Agreement management.
March 2008	Letter from DEEWR	Board Chair	Consultation process and post-2009 arrangements.
20 March 2008	Letter from DEEWR	Board Chair	Consultation process and post-2009 arrangements.
10 April 2008	Letter from DEEWR	Board Chair	Consultation process and post-2009 arrangements.
23 April 2008	Consultation meeting	Board and other stakeholders	Consultation process and post-2009 arrangements.
May 2008	Letter from DEEWR	Board Chair	Funding Agreement management.
22 May 2008	Letter from DEEWR (advance copy emailed)	Board Chair	Consultation process and post-2009 arrangements.
23 May 2008	Submission of proposal	Signed by Board Chair	Consultation process and post-2009 arrangements.

10 June 2008	Letter from DEEWR	Board Chair	Consultation process and post-2009 arrangements.
12 June 2008	Email from DEEWR	Board Chair	Consultation process and post-2009 arrangements.
7 July 2008	Letter from DEEWR	Board Chair	Funding Agreement management.
8 July 2008	Meeting	Board Chair and some Board members	Consultation process and post-2009 arrangements.
11 July 2008	Email from DEEWR	Board Chair	Consultation process and post-2009 arrangements.
15 July 2008	Letter to DEEWR	Board Chair	Consultation process and post-2009 arrangements.
1 August 2008	Email from DEEWR	Board Chair	Consultation process and post-2009 arrangements.
8 August 2008	Letter from DEEWR	Board Chair	Funding Agreement management.
29 August 2008	Letter from DEEWR	Board Chair	Consultation process and post-2009 arrangements.
1 September 2008	Letter to DEEWR	Board Chair	Consultation process and post-2009 arrangements.
10 September 2008	Letter to DEEWR	Acting Board Chair	Consultation process and post-2009 arrangements.
12 September 2008	Letter from DEEWR	Acting Board Chair	Consultation process and post-2009 arrangements.
15 October	Letter from DEEWR (advance copy emailed)	Board Chair	Consultation process and post-2009 arrangements.
16 October	Teleconference	Board Chair	Consultation process and post-2009 arrangements.
23 October 2008	Board meeting attendance	Board	Consultation process and post-2009 arrangements.

23 October 2008	Letter to DEEWR	Board Chair	Consultation process and post-2009 arrangements.
24 October 2008	Email to DEEWR	Board Chair	Consultation process and post-2009 arrangements.
24 October 2008 – 5 November 2008	Various telephone conversations	Board Chair/s	Consultation process and post-2009 arrangements.