

EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT & WORKPLACE RELATIONS

SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE – QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2008-09 SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING

Outcome 2

DEEWR Question No. EW838_09

Senator Fierravanti-Wells provided in writing.

Question

Australian Technical Colleges

In relation to any expressions of interest or proposals, please outline the criteria for consideration and evaluation of the same, including:

- a. The results of considerations;
- b. Any formal findings;
- c. The date and the person considering the same.

Answer

ATC Board led proposals were evaluated against the Deputy Prime Minister's objectives guiding the future arrangements for Australian Technical Colleges:

That Australian Technical Colleges:

- a. be integrated with the broader training effort, with a focus on nationally recognised Certificate III trade training;
- b. improve Year 12 retention rates in line with new national targets of 90% by 2020;
- c. raise the level and range of flexible and innovative training pathways to improve both participation and completion outcomes in the trades;
- d. strengthen industry leadership in the provision of trade training;
- e. be accessible to a wide range of students and employers; and
- f. demonstrate self sustainability over the longer-term in order to provide certainty for students and employers.

(a) As at 26 November, the Deputy Prime Minister has made announcements for the following Colleges:

- ATC – Gladstone on 15 January 2008;
- ATC – Western Sydney, ATC – Northern Adelaide, ATC – Port Macquarie on 22 September 2008;
- ATC – North Brisbane and ATC – Hunter on 27 October 2008; and
- ATC – North Queensland and ATC – Bendigo on 18 November 2008.

(b) Refer to part (a)

(c) Refer to part (a)