

EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT & WORKPLACE RELATIONS

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

Outcome 2

DEEWR Question No. EW843_09

Senator Fierravanti-Wells provided in writing.

Question

Australian Technical Colleges

Did the Department provide any advice to the ATC Wollongong Board in relation to college memberships, including any advice to restrict college memberships?

Is so, please advise when such advice was provided and who provided the same.

Answer

In May 2008, Departmental officers advised that in considering changing the company ownership structure, the Chair consider: (a) ensuring compliance with the Funding Agreement requirements; (b) potential commercial relationships and associated conflicts of interest that might arise; and (c) issues regarding future arrangements for the ATC at that time.