

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

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Senator Crossin provided in writing.

Question:

Your policy document “Engaging the World Through Education” gives some directions proposed for expanding international education. This document says there will be five new centres of excellence in education, science and innovation at selected universities – where exactly are these proposed to be? Will they cater for international expansion in TAFE? Will it include senior high schools? How will this be done?

Answer:

Expanding international education

Three of the Centres have been announced. The Asia-Pacific Studies Centre will be established at the ANU. The Sustainable Tourism Education Centre will be established by the Cooperative Research Centre for Sustainable Tourism based at Griffith University. The Education in Mathematics Centre will be established by the Australian Mathematical Sciences Institute which is based at the University of Melbourne.

The separate open submission processes that will determine the location of the other two Centres, in Sports Science and Administration; and Water Resource Management are currently underway.

It is likely that the Centres' relative impact on each of the education and training sectors will vary, depending on the particular discipline focus of each Centre.