

EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT & WORKPLACE RELATIONS

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

Outcome 2

DEEWR Question No. EW841_09

Senator Fierravanti-Wells provided in writing.

Question

Australian Technical Colleges

What discussions has the Department undertaken with TAFE NSW, including TAFE Illawarra and DET Schools in the Illawarra. Please provide details including the date and nature of any such discussions.

Answer

The Department has worked with all State Governments consistent with the Council of Australian Governments (COAG) resolution to integrate ATCs into broader education and training systems.

At the local level, the Department has worked to facilitate and mediate discussions between ATC Boards and TAFE and Regional Schools Directors where requested by ATC Boards and in cases where stand-alone models were found by external, independent assessment to not be financially viable.

DEEWR facilitated a meeting on 8 July 2008 between the ATC Board and the Illawarra Schools and TAFE Directors. DEEWR was in attendance when those Directors met again on 8 August 2008.