

Question on notice no. 2

Portfolio question number: SQ21-000002

2020-21 Additional estimates

Education and Employment Committee, Education, Skills and Employment Portfolio

Senator Helen Polley: asked the Department of Education, Skills and Employment on 25 March 2021—

Under the \$7 million investment from the revitalising TAFE campuses Across Australia, completion of site grading and construction of the utilities infrastructure for the Centre is due 03 May 2021. Is this on track? If not, why not?

Answer —

Please see answer attached.

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QUESTION ON NOTICE Additional Estimates 2020 - 2021

Outcome: Skills and Training

Department of Education, Skills and Employment Question No. SQ21-000002

Senator Helen Polley provided in writing.

Also, refer to previous hearing Question No. SQ20-001751.

Revitalising TAFE Campuses

Question

Under the \$7 million investment from the revitalising TAFE campuses Across Australia, completion of site grading and construction of the utilities infrastructure for the Centre is due 03 May 2021. Is this on track? If not, why not?

Answer

Under the Project Agreement for Revitalising TAFE Campuses Across Australia (the Agreement), the Australian Government and the Government of Tasmania will each contribute \$7 million towards the construction of TasTAFE's new Trades and Water Centre of Excellence (the Centre) at the Clarence campus.

The first milestone for this agreement is 'completion of site grading and construction of the utilities infrastructure for the Centre', due to be reported by 3 May 2021. On 19 March 2021, Tasmanian officials advised Department of Education, Skills and Employment officials that the first milestone would not be met.

Tasmanian officials have advised that the construction project proposal was submitted to the Parliamentary Standing Committee for Public Works for approval on 16 February 2021. The Committee is not operating during the caretaker period leading up to the Tasmanian state government election on 1 May 2021.