

**Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment - Education**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2014-2015**

**Outcome 2 - Schools and Youth**

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**Senator Wright asked on 22 October 2014 , Hansard page 112**

***P-TECH***

**Question**

**P-Tech school location**

Senator WRIGHT: Is there a particular reason for picking Geelong? Mr Cook: It was a government decision. The government decided the location. Senator WRIGHT: Any light to shed on that, Senator Ryan? Senator Ryan: I was not privy to the decision itself, but I would say, as a Victorian, that Geelong is a region going through an economic transition—as it did just over 20 years ago. Its industry has been slowly changing from one that relied heavily on a traditional manufacturing base to one with lighter manufacturing, food manufacturing and even a growing tertiary education sector. I think Geelong is a logical place to consider trialling such a project. Senator WRIGHT: I hear that that is your speculation, with respect, on that. That may well be the case. Is it possible to take that on notice?

**Answer**

Geelong, as an area of high youth unemployment, has been identified by the Australian Government as the preferred location for the P-TECH pilot.