

## EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

### SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2003-2004 ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING

**Outcome:** 3  
**Output Group:** 3.3 – AEI Group

#### **DEST Question Nos. E942\_04**

Senator Carr provided in writing.

*DEST Question E453\_04 refers*

#### **Question:**

Australian Institute of Commerce and Language

In answer E453\_04 you have provided some information about the Australian Institute of Commerce and Language, and its agreements with various higher education providers.

Can you provide an update on the status of Edith Cowan University's application to the WA (sic) Recognition Services Directorate concerning a franchise or licensing deal whereby AICL would deliver ECU courses? Has approval been granted? If not, why not? Has ECU proceeded with its application, or withdrawn it?

#### **Answer:**

*Edith Cowan University's arrangement with AICL*

The Recognition Services Directorate of the New South Wales Department of Education and Training (DET) is responsible for managing the registration of all interstate universities wishing to offer courses in NSW and all non-university higher education providers. DET is also responsible for accrediting higher education courses in accordance with the *NSW Higher Education Act 2001*.

Edith Cowan University (ECU) did apply for approval to the NSW Recognition Services Directorate to enter into an arrangement whereby AICL delivers courses on behalf of ECU in November 2003. However, DET has advised that ECU has withdrawn its application.