EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2005-2006 BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING

Outcome: 1 Output Group: 1.1 – Funding for schools

DEST Question No. E088_06

Senator Carr provided in writing.

Question:

Of the approximately 70 formal proposals received for an Australian Technical College, how many of the consortia did not include a currently registered government or non-government school as

- (a) lead applicant
- (b) other consortia members

For these applications, how will the fees payable by students be calculated?

Answer:

Australian Technical Colleges

The majority of proposals received included one or more currently registered government or non-government schools as lead applicants, consortium members or other partnership arrangements. Fewer than ten proposals did not mention some form of partnership arrangements.

In relation to fees, the Request For Proposal required that for existing schools that no additional fees will be charged and, where fees are charged, that the impact on equitable access of students should be taken into account. In their proposals, applicants were required to outline their financial plans including any income from fees.