

EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS

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

Outcome 4

DEEWR Question No. EW086_09

Senator Boyce provided in writing.

Question

Institute of Trade Skills Excellence

Will Labor's decision make the continuation of the institutes work unviable?

Answer

Officers from the Department have been working with the Institute to ensure a smooth transition from reliance on Commonwealth funding. The Department has agreed to extend the duration of the funding agreement to 31 December 2008 to allow the Institute time to explore alternative arrangements to continue its programs.

There is capacity for the Institute to generate its own income from activities such as advertising and the administration of its Star Rating scheme.