EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2004-2005 SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES HEARING

Outcome:

Output Group: 1.1 – Funding for schools

DEST Question No. E420_05

Senator Carr provided in writing.

Question:

What proportions of students are estimated to complete their apprenticeship by the end of their two years at a Technical College?

Answer:

Technical Colleges

Since students will be undertaking New Apprenticeships in trades which normally take up to four years full-time, they will not complete their trade New Apprenticeships by the end of their two years at a technical college.

They however may attain a Certificate II level qualification or a Statement of Attainment which may be included in a Recognition of Prior Learning or Recognition of Current Competencies Assessment towards a full trade qualification which is generally at the Certificate III level.

It is anticipated that students will go on to complete their trade qualification as a full-time New Apprentice after year 12. The Australian Technical Colleges will be expected to provide transitional support and employers may also be eligible to receive a bonus Australian Government School Based Retention incentive to enable the student to complete this training.