



First meeting of AESOC TQS Working Group Canberra, 6 February 2006

Establishment of the Working Group

Australian Ministers for Education endorsed the Transnational Quality Strategy (TQS) framework at the meeting of the Ministerial Council for Education, Employment, Training and Youth Affairs (MCEETYA) on 17 November 2005.

Ministers also agreed to establish a Working Group through the Australian Education Systems Officials Committee (AESOC).

The AESOC TQS Working Group comprises representatives of state and territory governments, and sectoral representatives nominated by peak bodies.

The first meeting was held in Canberra on 6 February 2006.

Key outcomes

Members agreed to establish two Expert Groups comprising individuals with appropriate knowledge and expertise to develop the detail of quality assessment trials and data collection arrangements, for the Working Group's consideration.

They also agreed to provide comment on:

- Quality assurance arrangements for transnational delivery;
- Support for good practice in transnational operations and delivery;
- A website and promotional materials to improve international understanding of Australia's quality arrangements for transnational education and training;
- Fact sheets on relevant regulations in other countries;
- Showcasing Australia's quality; and
- Bilateral and multilateral relations and activities to promote and support Australian education and training.

The next meeting of the AESOC TQS Working Group will be held in March.

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