

**Question on Notice**

**No. 1224**

**Asked on 15 September 2009**

**Mr Rickuss** asked the Minister for Education and Training (Mr Wilson) —

**QUESTION:**

Will the Minister explain why the TAFE curriculum for diesel fitters is still based on 1970s technology and not on more modern technology such as the Cat diesels that are on campus and unused?

**ANSWER:**

I thank the Member for his question.

I am advised by the Department that SkillsTech Australia no longer delivers training for diesel fitters under the TAFE curriculum. All diesel fitting related training is delivered under two national training packages. These are:

- AUR05 Automotive Industry Retail, Service And Repair Training Package developed by the Manufacturing Industry Skills Council, first released in April, 2005. The latest version of the AUR05 is Version 2.2 which was released on National Training Information Service in September 2009
- MEM05 Metal and Engineering Training Package (version 1.00) endorsed by the National Quality Council in December 2005 and reviewed in 2009.

As the AUR05 and MEM05 training packages are not vendor specific, SkillsTech Australia utilises a wide cross section of technologies and vendor's products in the delivery of the training package. For example, SkillsTech Australia currently uses Detroit, Cummins and Caterpillar diesels training aides. SkillsTech Australia utilises a wide cross section of diesels and generations of technology to ensure students are learning technologies relevant to industry.