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Senator Polley asked:

Please outline what steps have been taken to ensure issues with inconsistency with the VET training for the sector.

Answer:

The Department of Industry has overall policy responsibility for Vocational Education and Training (VET) quality and standards. The Australian Skills Quality Authority is responsible for regulating the quality standards of Registered Training Organisations, including those which provide training in aged and community care.

The Community Services and Health Industry Skills Council has started work on a thorough review and revision of the vocational education and training package for aged and community care. This will update and improve the quality of those qualifications, including the assessment requirements.

The Department of Social Services will undertake a stocktake of Commonwealth-funded aged care workforce initiatives over the last three years. It is anticipated that the stocktake will help inform the Department on the structure and direction of future programmes for the aged care workforce. The stocktake will also identify any gaps in service delivery and any areas of duplication if applicable.