

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

**QUESTION ON NOTICE
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TEQSA CEO Appointment

Question

Mr Griew: That is right.

Senator KIM CARR: So it will be a cabinet appointment?

Ms Paul: I think it is a ministerial appointment.

Mr Griew: We will take that on notice.

Senator KIM CARR: Surely that goes to cabinet?

Ms Paul: I will check that; it could well.

Answer

Under subsection 154A(1) of the *Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency Act 2011*, the Minister for Education and Training appoints a Chief Executive Officer to the Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency (TEQSA).

The *Cabinet Handbook* requires that all significant statutory appointments be brought to the attention of the Prime Minister for approval. While most significant appointments will require Cabinet approval, the Prime Minister may determine that Cabinet consideration is not required and authorise the appointment on recommendation of the portfolio Minister.

The above process was in operation under the previous (and prior) Governments.