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ASQA: Imperial college

Question

Senator KIM CARR: Can I turn to Imperial College? The department of immigration says that ASQA has been looking into the affairs of Imperial College. This is a college which the Victorian government has taken action against—are you familiar with this particular case? Mr Robinson: Yes, I am just looking for the information.

CHAIR: Senator Simms also has some questions, so maybe after this line of questioning, Senator Carr, we will go to Senator Simms.

Mr Robinson: Sorry, I do recall the college; I just have to check—what is the question, Senator?

Senator KIM CARR: I just want to know what you did about it. It says that you are looking into it. I would like to know what it is. Have you completed your investigations—you know the usual array of questions I am going to ask.

Mr Robinson: I will just take it on notice.

Answer

The Australian Skills Quality Authority (ASQA) has provided the following response.

ASQA has been in consultation with the Victorian Department of Education and Training in relation to Imperial College and the cancellation of their funding contract by the Victorian Government.

ASQA is currently in the process of investigating Imperial college, as well as another provider linked to this organisation, Education Access Australia Pty Ltd (n.b. both providers are owned by the same individuals).