

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

**QUESTION ON NOTICE
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Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ16-000048

Senator Carr, Kim asked on 10 February 2016, Proof Hansard page 86

ASQA: non-compliance action

Question

Senator KIM CARR: It then leads to the next question about what you are doing about it. If it can be demonstrated that students were enrolled without their knowledge and signed up to debts without their knowledge, it would seem to be a prima facie case of fraud. That is not just a question of noncompliance—it is a criminal breach.

Mr Robinson: I will come back to you on that one.

Senator Birmingham: In a number of instances, we have seen, pleasingly, the ACCC take action as a result of such allegations.

Senator KIM CARR: The ACCC is looking at this—

Mr Robinson: And I believe that is the sort of issue they are looking at in their work at the moment.

Senator KIM CARR: Yes, but it is also alleged that this college went to a public bar in Bourke and handed out \$50 notes and free laptops, and people were told that the courses were free. Have you been able to demonstrate that?

Mr Robinson: I will come back to you with the details. Some of these matters are currently being looked at by the ACCC as well. They are the regulatory authority for these particular issues.

Answer

The Australian Skills Quality Authority has provided the following response.

Please see response to SQ16-000046.