

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

QUESTION ON NOTICE Additional Estimates 2015 - 2016

Outcome: Agency: TEQSA

Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ16-000052

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TEQSA: Number of providers seeking to deliver PhD courses

Question

Senator KIM CARR: In the annual report you also say there has been an increase in the number of providers seeking to deliver PhD courses—that is on page 23 of the report—and to do that they want to become self-accrediting. Can you provide us with the detail on who these institutions are and what courses they are proposing?

Prof. Saunders: I would have to take that on notice. I can give you some information, though, about those who have been granted self-accrediting authority recently, if that is of interest.

Senator KIM CARR: Yes, please.

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Senator KIM CARR: Could you provide me with details of these particular applications and what your response has been to them to date? These are the ones in regard to the PhDs.

Prof. Saunders: On notice, certainly.

Answer

The Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency (TEQSA) has provided the following response.

In the 2014-15 financial year, TEQSA received three applications from non-university providers seeking course accreditation of AQF Level 10 (doctorate) courses. Of these:

- one was approved in FY14-15:
 - Alphacrucis College Limited – Doctor of Philosophy
- two were carried over to FY15-16 and have since been approved:
 - S P Jain School of Global Management Pty Limited – Doctor of Business Administration
 - Excelsia College – Doctor of Philosophy (Organisational Leadership).

In the 2014-15 financial year, TEQSA received four applications from non-university providers for self-accrediting authority. Of these:

- three were approved in FY14-15:
 - Avondale College Limited
 - Moore Theological College Council
 - The National Institute of Dramatic Art (partial)
- one was carried over to FY15-16 and has since been approved:
 - The College of Law Limited (partial).

Of these providers, Avondale College Limited and Moore Theological College Council have the authority to self-accredit all courses including AQF Level 10 (doctorate) courses.

The scope of self-accrediting authority for National Institute of Dramatic Art and The College of Law Limited does not include AQF Level 10 (doctorate) courses.