

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

QUESTION ON NOTICE Additional Estimates 2015 - 2016

Outcome: Agency: TEQSA

Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ16-000056

Senator Carr, Kim asked on 10 February 2016, Proof Hansard page 64

TEQSA: Registrations

Question

Senator KIM CARR: I am seeking further details in regard to the registrations, particularly in regard to the new applications. In the annual report you refer to six applications for registration of application of process. There were two, presumably, that were rejected. Can you tell me about those that were rejected?

Prof. Saunders: I do not think it would be appropriate to talk about individual applications that are rejected.

Senator KIM CARR: Why is that? What is the basis for not talking about them here?

Prof. Saunders: I think there are issues here to do with the standing of the provider.

Senator KIM CARR: But that is the point. That is exactly the point—why there should be public disclosure. Can you take it on notice to explain the reasons why that should not be provided?

Prof. Saunders: I can certainly take it on notice and possibly provide you with the information in written form.

Answer

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

The TEQSA 2014-15 Annual Report provides that ten applications were received for initial registration as a provider (Table 3.1 on page 15) and that four applications for initial registration as a provider were decided (Table 3.2 page 16).

Of the ten applications for initial registration received in FY14-15:

- two were approved in FY14-15 (Commonwealth of Australia trading as Bureau of Meteorology and Institute of Health & Management Pty Ltd)
- eight were carried over to FY15-16. Of these:
 - one is still in preliminary assessment
 - one is under substantive assessment
 - three have since been withdrawn
 - two have since been approved (Russo Higher Education 2 Pty Ltd and Polytechnic Institute Australia Pty Ltd)
 - one has since been unsuccessful.

The other two registration decisions made in FY14-15 and referred to in Table 3.2 of the Annual Report were in relation to applications carried over from FY13-14 (The Tax Institute and Ozford Institute of Higher Education Pty Ltd).

TEQSA does not publish details about the applications for initial registration that are unsuccessful or withdrawn before a final decision is made. Please see SQ16-000057 for the reasons for this approach.