

**Senate Committee: Education and Employment**

**QUESTION ON NOTICE  
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**Outcome: Agency: ASQA**

**Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ16-000365**

Senator Carr, Kim provided in writing.

***ASQA - National register of private education providers***

**Question**

The Guardian recently reported that information about cancellations and deregistration of RTOs was not on the national register of private education providers.

Is this correct? If so, can ASQA explain why students are not receiving up to date information about these RTOs?

How long has inaccurate information been on the website?

Is there an alternative source of up-to-date information for students?

**Answer**

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

The article published by the Guardian on 9 February included the names of 15 providers whose details, the journalist believed, were inaccurately detailed on the national register. ASQA has undertaken a review of these providers and can advise that in all but two instances, the information published on the national register is accurate. The two instances were two part scope suspensions dated from 10 October 2013 and 30 April 2015.

ASQA only includes on the national register cancellations which have taken effect either after reconsideration/review processes have taken place and affirmed ASQA's decision; or the time for applying for reconsideration/review has expired.

In addition to the National Register, ASQA – using its discretion under section 209 of the NVR Act – on occasion, publishes additional information on its website regarding decisions that it has taken but which are the subject of reconsideration/review processes and the subject of a “stay” pending those processes.

Students can obtain up-to-date information about providers from the MySkills website.