

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

**QUESTION ON NOTICE
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Outcome: Agency: ASQA

Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ16-000367

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ASQA - Security Industry

Question

Can ASQA confirm reports that security guards have been obtaining a Cert II in Security Operations after completing only two days of online training? If this is true, is ASQA satisfied that this is sufficient? If ASQA is not satisfied, what is being done to address this problem?

Answer

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

ASQA, in its review into training in the security industry, found that of the sample reviewed, some 80.2 per cent of providers delivered CPP20212 Certificate II in Security Operations in two weeks or less, and some 69.4 per cent of providers in the sample were delivering CPP30411 Certificate III in Security Operations in two weeks or less.

ASQA determined that the short duration of training in the security industry is insufficient; as courses delivered in significantly less time than that benchmarked in the Australian Qualifications Framework do not provide the time necessary to practice and develop the skills necessary to become qualified security personnel.

ASQA's report into training in the security industry makes eight recommendations including addressing the issue of very short duration and ASQA will work with the licensing authorities and industry representatives to implement these recommendations.