

**Senate Committee: Education and Employment**

**QUESTION ON NOTICE  
Additional Estimates 2015 - 2016**

**Outcome: Skills and Training**

**Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ16-000536**

Senator Carr, Kim provided in writing.

*Also refer to previous hearing Question No. SQ15-000808.*

***VET FEE-HELP: provider applications***

**Question**

The Department has advised that, in 2015 (up until 5 November) 68 applications for VET FEE-HELP provider status were received. But of those you only granted that status to 23. Is that because the other 45 weren't up to scratch? Or did some of them withdraw their applications?

**Answer**

Approvals are not necessarily a subset of applications received in any year, as an application approved in a given year may have been submitted in a prior year.

The 68 applications referred to in QoN SQ15-000808 were the number of applications received by the department from 1 January 2014 to 22 October 2014. Of these, as at 29 March 2016:

- 51 applications have been approved
- one application is currently under assessment (no decision yet made)
- 11 applications were withdrawn (no decision required)
- five applications were not approved.