

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

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

Outcome: Skills and Training

Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ16-000669

Senator Carr, Kim provided in writing.

Also refer to previous hearing Question No. SQ15-000903.

Security Industry (SQ15-000903)

Question

In answer to SQ15-000903 the Department stated that it is concerned about information which suggests that substandard training is taking place – particularly where there are public safety implications. The Department advised, in the same answer, that Minister Birmingham had been advised of this issue via correspondence.

- What action has the Department taken?
- What action does the Department intend to take and how quickly do you intend to take it?

Answer

On 2 February 2016, the Hon Luke Hartsuyker MP, the former Minister for Vocational Education and Skills, wrote to the Hon Michael Keenan MP, Minister for Justice, seeking a renewed focus on a nationally-harmonised licensing model for the security industry through the Law, Crime and Community Safety Council. The Department of Education and Training is also working with the Australian Skills Quality Authority (ASQA) and the Australian Industry and Skills Committee to consider issues raised in ASQA's review of training for the security industry.