

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment - Education

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Senator Carr provided in writing.

Question

Nature Care College

Is the Nature Care College on your register? Can you confirm that this provider runs an Advanced Diploma in homeopathy, that articulates into a Bachelor program? In principle, would this college be eligible to apply for CSP funding – Commonwealth subsidies – for its homeopathy degree? Under what circumstances would this course not be eligible? Would there be any room for consideration, under the new deregulated funding arrangements, of the fact that the NHMRC has recently released a report that says that there is no evidence that any homeopathic treatments are efficacious?

Answer

Nature Care College is not registered by the Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency (TEQSA) as a higher education provider. The College is therefore not able to offer any higher education award courses.

The College does offer a vocational education and training Advanced Diploma of Homoeopathy qualification registered by the Australian Skills Quality Authority.

From 2016, TEQSA accredited higher education institutions will be able to offer Commonwealth supported places for their students in accredited higher education award courses subject to such conditions as the Government determines. As the College is not a registered higher education provider, it will not be able to receive Commonwealth supported higher education places.