

**Senate Committee: Education and Employment**

**QUESTION ON NOTICE  
Budget Estimates 2017 - 2018**

**Outcome: Skills and Training**

**Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ17-000747**

Senator Griff, Stirling provided in writing.

***2017 VET Student Loans Approved Course Providers list***

**Question**

I note in the 2017 VET Student Loans Approved Course Providers list contains a variety of approval durations. What are the reasons for such variation?

**Answer**

All VET Student Loans approved course providers are assessed at the application stage against the provider suitability requirements.

While approval requires all approved course providers to meet all of the requirements, providers are approved for different periods depending on the assessment of how well each performs against the requirements.

Reporting during the period of approval will allow providers the opportunity to demonstrate an even higher level of performance against the requirements. Shorter approval periods also give the Department of Education and Training the opportunity to reassess the suitability of certain providers earlier.