

**Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment - Education**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2014-2015**

**Agency - Tertiary Education Quality & Standards Agency (TEQSA)**

**Department of Education Question No. ED0623\_15**

**Senator Rhiannon asked on 22 October 2014 , Hansard page 57**

**Question**

**TEQSA: student data exemptions (re: footnote 6 from report)**

Senator RHIANNON: I want to start with your statistics report on registered higher education providers. On page 4 is a footnote that I am interested in getting a greater understanding of. It was footnote 6, which says: ... *10 providers that did not report to HEIMS were also not required to submit 2013 PIR data due to either being a new provider or regulatory context.* What is the regulatory context in which a provider is not required to provide TEQSA with student data?

Prof. Saunders: I would have to take that on notice. I cannot answer that.

**Answer**

The Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency (TEQSA) has provided the following response.

A provider may not be required to report student data for a particular reference year if, for example, the provider is merging with another entity, is teaching out its courses, or has only recently been registered as a provider and has no student data to report.