

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment - Education

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

Agency - Tertiary Education Quality & Standards Agency (TEQSA)

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Question

TEQSA: accreditation

Senator RHIANNON: Has there been any increase in the number of inquiries you have received about accreditation? You described in an earlier response that you are getting about 30 to 40 inquiries for new providers. I just wanted to check over what period that was and whether that is fairly normal or is going up?

Prof. Saunders: As I said, in the last 12 months we have had 30 to 40 inquiries, which have ranged from very brief inquiries through to some quite detailed discussion. At the moment we are receiving about one new application a month—that is the same as the last financial year. We are receiving new applications for course accreditations at about 10 a month, and it was 10 a month last financial year.

Senator RHIANNON: Did you see a spike after the budget?

Prof. Saunders: To my knowledge, no, but I will take that on notice and get back to you.

Answer

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

There was no spike in initial registration inquiries to TEQSA following the May Budget.