

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: Macleay College

Senator KIM CARR: The answer that was given to me was that they were in discussion regarding the second condition in which the college was, I understand, noncompliant. Is the college [Macleay College] now operating in a compliant fashion?

Prof. Saunders: Those discussions are still ongoing, but are almost at a conclusion, and I would certainly be confident that they will be able to be compliant.

Senator KIM CARR: A condition was increasing academic support for staff. Was that one of the conditions?

Prof. Saunders: I would have to take that on notice.

Senator KIM CARR: I have them here in front of me. You could just tell me whether these are right and which areas remain outstanding: increasing academic support for staff in line with student projections; timing and particulars in regard to full-time and permanent appointments; support the development of sessional staff for the development of academic leadership; support for the development of teaching and learning knowledge and skills and culture; and criteria for assessment of the equivalent professional practice. It is clearly an issue in regard to the operations of staffing at the college. Is that the issue that remains outstanding?

Prof. Saunders: I would have to take that on notice.

Answer

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

Macleay College has two current conditions on its registration with reports due to TEQSA by 15 November 2015 as follows:

1. *Provides TEQSA with a report covering the previous 12-month period which includes:*
 - a. *The College's framework for scholarship together with details of professional development and scholarly activities undertaken by all academic staff (to include scholarship on teaching and learning as well as disciplinary scholarship) and evidence of the Academic Board's consideration of these activities.*
 - b. *The benchmarking activities undertaken by the College and their consideration by the Academic Board.*

2. *Provide evidence, including the minutes of meetings of the Board of Directors and any relevant committees, covering the previous 12-month period that the corporate governing body accesses and uses a full range of expertise required for the effective governance of a higher education provider.*

All information on the regulatory decisions made by TEQSA in relation to a registered provider, including the number and type of conditions imposed, can be found on the National Register. Information about Macleay College is located at:

www.teqsa.gov.au/national-register/provider/prv12031.