

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

**QUESTION ON NOTICE
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2015 - 2016**

Outcome: Skills and Training

Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ15-000658

Senator Carr, Kim asked on 21 October 2015, Proof Hansard page 78.

Careers Australia

Question

Senator KIM CARR: The reason I asked the question is that you have not provided me with any additional information, and the matter was raised at a VET Senate inquiry into vocational education and the information was disputed by Careers Australia. Do you wish to update the answer?

Dr Banerjee: Careers Australia have also provided us with updated information subsequent to the tabling of the QON, and we are currently working through that data. So we have not revised the estimate as yet but we have also received updated data.

Senator KIM CARR: Could you take on notice your assessment of the additional information that has been provided to you and any updates on that question?

Answer

The department has recently received additional course completion data from Careers Australia pertaining to those of its students, assisted by VET FEE-HELP, who were reported as having completed their training over the period 1 January 2011 to 31 December 2013.

There continues to be a discrepancy between the Careers Australia data and the department's data. The department is liaising with Careers Australia to resolve the issues.