

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

QUESTION ON NOTICE

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ASQA - Phoenix - teaching numbers

Question

Senator KIM CARR: How many teachers did they have down at Phoenix?

Mr Robinson: I do not know the answer to that question.

Senator KIM CARR: Did you look?

Mr Robinson: The auditors would have looked at the teaching numbers. We will have to take that on notice. I do not have that with me.

Senator KIM CARR: How many teachers did they have at the time of their last registration, which I put to you was in February?

Mr Robinson: We will take that on notice and come back to you with that.

Answer

Australian Skills Quality Authority (ASQA) has provided the following response.

Phoenix Institute of Australia was first registered as a registered training organisation (RTO) on 16 February 2005 by the Victorian Registration and Qualifications Authority. On 30 June 2011, responsibility for regulation of Phoenix Institute was transferred to ASQA.

ASQA approved the renewal of registration as an RTO of Phoenix Institute on 16 December 2014, taking effect from 15 February 2015.

At that time, the RTO was considered low risk as a small niche training provider with a scope of registration consisting entirely of allied health qualifications. Because of these factors information on teacher numbers was not requested when considering the renewal application.

In July 2015, ASQA conducted a compliance audit of Phoenix Institute; the number of teachers at that time was 47 based on evidence provided by Phoenix Institute.