

**Senate Committee: Education and Employment**

**QUESTION ON NOTICE**

**Supplementary Budget Estimates 2015 - 2016**

**Outcome: Agency: TEQSA**

**Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ15-000804**

Senator Carr, Kim provided in writing.

***TEQSA - Chief Commissioner review in TEQSA's latest Annual Report***

**Question**

In TEQSA's latest Annual Report, the Chief Commissioner (in his Review) refers to the "significant reduction of TEQSA's resources" which "poses a great challenge to our ability to deliver the same high standard of quality assurance in a timely manner". Which of TEQSA's functions are challenged and in what ways?

**Answer**

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

TEQSA's regulatory assessment functions are the most challenged as a result of the reduction of TEQSA's resources. In particular, TEQSA expects, due to the resourcing restraints, that the time taken to assess applications will increase in the short term. However, TEQSA will not sacrifice quality and will continue to assess applications with care and attention.

TEQSA has been actively planning and implementing initiatives to manage resourcing reductions during 2014-15 and is positioned to respond to the further reductions for 2015-16. Corporate functions have been streamlined and shared corporate services have been enhanced to deliver efficiencies. In addition, business processes have been streamlined to leverage the risk-based and proportionate approach in TEQSA's regulatory function.