

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

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

Outcome: Skills and Training

Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ15-000819

Senator Carr, Kim provided in writing.

Higher Education Support Amendment Bill 2011

Question

In 2011 the parliament passed the Higher Education Support Amendment (VET FEE-HELP and Other Measures) Bill 2011 [2012].

The Bill amongst other things amended the Act to:

- require VET providers to notify the minister in writing of events which may affect their ability to comply with quality and accountability requirements;
- allow the secretary to revoke or vary any determination made to pay an advance to a VET provider in certain circumstances;

Since 2013 has the Minister received any correspondence from any VET provider that events may affect their ability to comply with quality and accountability requirements?

Since 2013 has the Minister requested this information from any RTO?

Since 2013 has the Minister revoked or varied any determination made to pay an advance to a VET provider?

Answer

Yes. The department receives requests from VET FEE-HELP providers for assistance with maintaining compliance with the quality and accountability requirements regularly.

Yes. The department requests information from VET FEE-HELP providers regarding their compliance with the quality and accountability requirements regularly.

No. The department regularly reviews determinations and conducts a reconciliation of the determined amount against the amount that has become payable under Schedule 1A to the *Higher education Support Act 2003*. To date, a determination has not been revoked or varied.