

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

QUESTION ON NOTICE

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Outcome: Agency: ASQA

Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ15-000976

Senator Carr, Kim asked on 21 October 2015, Proof Hansard page 92

ASQA - Literacy and numeracy issues with Evocca

Question

Mr Robinson: We have not been auditing the students; we have been auditing the RTO compliance with the standards. To do that, we interviewed 400 students over this group of RTOs.

Senator KIM CARR: I will assume that the same answer applies in regard to your capacity to check literacy and numeracy. Were any issues identified there?

Mr Robinson: I will have to check whether we had any literacy and numeracy issues with Evocca.

Answer

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

At an audit ASQA assesses the processes and systems providers have in place in relation to learners.

At its audit, ACTE Pty Ltd t/a Evocca College outlined the measures it had implemented in relation to learner eligibility and capability including pre-enrolment testing of language, literacy and numeracy skills, mechanisms to monitor progression of enrolled learners, enhanced student support mechanisms, and improvement in the information provided to prospective learners prior to enrolment.

ASQA found the RTO compliant with the Standards relating to identifying and providing access to educational and support services necessary for individual learners to meet the requirements of their course.