

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2004-2005 ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING

Outcome 3
Output Group: 3.3 – Support for the Australian education and training export industry and international relationships.

DEST Question No. E549_05

Senator Carr asked on 16 February 2005, EWRE Hansard, page number 132.

Question:

So there were six suspensions in New South Wales Is that right?

Do you have a list of those?

Can you give me the reasons for the suspensions? I see there are four in Victoria.

But you should know that, shouldn't you, if the national registration system is working?

Sure, but you must keep records as to why people are suspended, because they may want to reapply.

Sure, but you must have a reason- It may only be short.

Answer:

Breaches of ESOS Act

The reasons for suspension by the New South Wales state authority were:

- 3 as a result of course expiry;
- 2 by voluntary withdrawal from the re-accreditation process; and
- 1 due to the suspension of the provider in another state. The NSW registration was based on mutual recognition and as a result the suspension in one state necessitated the NSW registration be suspended as well.

The spreadsheet tabled by the Department at the Senate Employment, Workplace Relations and Education (EWRE) Legislation Committee Additional Estimates on 16 February 2005 incorrectly listed four providers as being suspended by the state authority for Victoria.

Attached is the corrected table showing three suspended providers in Victoria.

The reasons for suspension by the Victorian state authority were:

- 1 due to a loss of lease for their premises;
- 1 as a result of course expiry and failure to obtain Tuition Assurance Scheme coverage; and
- 1 as a result of non-compliance with the ESOS Act and National Code.

Total Suspensions, Cancellations and Conditions 2004-2005 (to 1 February)

This table sets out the number of providers who have:

- had conditions imposed on their registration;
- been suspended from CRICOS; or
- been cancelled from CRICOS

both under the ESOS Act and on the advice of State and Territory authorities in 2004-2005
(to 1 February).

State	Conditions under ESOS	Suspended by State	Suspended under ESOS	Cancelled by State	Cancelled under ESOS	Total
ACT	0	0	0	0	0	0
NSW	0	6	0	3	0	10
QLD	0	0	0	4	0	4
SA	0	0	0	3	0	3
TAS	0	0	0	0	0	0
VIC	0	3	0	9	1	12
WA	0	0	0	1	0	1
NT	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	0	9	0	20	1	30

Providers may be suspended or cancelled by State and Territory authorities for a variety of reasons. The majority have sought cancellation as a result of their decision to leave the industry.