

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. E778_05

Senator Carr provided in writing.

Refers to DEST Question No. E150_05.

Question:

NSW International College Pty Ltd

Who were the proprietors of the NSW International College at the time the offences described in E150_05 were committed?

Had this person or persons been associated with other providers in the past? What providers were they?

How did the information concerning possible breaches of the ESOS Act at this college come to your attention?

Answer:

Cancellation and suspension of registrations

NSW International College Pty Ltd

An Australian Securities and Investments Commission historical company extract shows that Thi Lai TRAN, Danielle ONG and Van Hung (David) ONG were the directors of the New South Wales International College Pty Ltd (the College) at the time of its cancellation on 29 April 2002.

The Department holds no information that indicates that any of these persons have been associated with other providers registered on the Commonwealth Register of Institutions and Courses for Overseas Students.

The Department obtained a copy of *The Korean Weekly Magazine* of 25 January 2002 (issue number 97). The advertisement on page 79 about the College, written in Korean, was translated into English. The advertisement included the following:

- “In 2002, NSWIC is about to open the following courses Diploma in Management, Diploma in Marketing, Diploma in Accounting & Finance, Diploma in Human Resources, Diploma in Information Technology Management, General English, IELTS Courses”
- “Excellent Choice!! Satisfaction. \$1700”
- “Study Business Course as well as Learn Advanced English!”
- “4 Weeks Free Academic English Lectures – For a Smoother Start.”

The College was not registered to provide any of these courses and the Minister’s delegate found that the College was holding itself out as able or willing to provide the courses

mentioned in the advertisement to overseas students in New South Wales and that this constituted a breach of section 8(1)(d) of the *Education Services for Overseas Students Act 2000*.