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Senator Wong asked on 15 February 2006, EWRE Hansard page 141

Question:

(With respect to the Department's compliance activities under the *Education Services for Overseas Student's [ESOS] Act 2000*)

Senator WONG

Are there written guidelines within the department around this sort of investigation?

Ms Laker

Yes. We have a compliance package, and that compliance package is part of the business process for identifying the provider which we are investigating.

Senator WONG

On notice, are you able to provide us with a compliance package?

Ms Laker

I will have to take that on notice.

Answer:

The Department's compliance activities under the Education Services for Overseas Student's [ESOS] Act 2000

A copy of the Department's "Compliance Monitoring Package" is provided with this reply.

It comprises two separate documents: *Compliance Monitoring Package – Procedure* (comprising 29 pages) and *Compliance Monitoring Package – Report Summaries and Test Units* (also comprising 29 pages).

To ensure the efficiency and effectiveness of the Department's compliance monitoring and enforcement activities, for which it is responsible under the ESOS Act 2000, it is inappropriate to include two sections of the *Compliance Monitoring Package – Report Summaries and Test Units*. The deleted sections are:

- (a) an explanation of the provider file sampling strategy (on page 5); and
- (b) most occurrences of a column labelled "Guidance" (pages 14 to 29 inclusive), which list questions that the Department's authorised employees may ask of education providers when conducting compliance monitoring visits.