

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2005-2006 ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING

Outcome 3

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

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Senator Wong asked on 15 February 2006, EWRE Hansard page number 142

Question:

(With regard to Department's compliance and enforcement activity under the Education Services for Overseas Students [ESOS] Act 2000)

Senator WONG

Are you able to provide us with details of the outcomes of the investigation of the Melbourne institute that I referred to earlier?

Ms Laker

Yes, we should be able to do that. I can tell you that they were found to be compliant, but we can provide you with more details if you would like us to take it on notice.

Answer:

Compliance of provider with the ESOS Act 2000

On 17 February 2005, the overseas students National Liaison Committee (NLC) wrote to the Minister concerning allegations made by two students of the registered provider, Education Access (Australia) Pty Ltd, trading as the Melbourne Institute of Tourism and Hospitality (MITH). The allegations concerned the manner and processes adopted by MITH in reporting some students via this Department's Provider Registration and International Students Management System, as required under the ESOS Act.

The Department investigated these allegations. The information provided to the Department indicated that the processes and procedures of MITH were compliant with the ESOS Act and its National Code.