

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2003-2004 BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING

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Senator Carr asked on 5 June 2003, EWRE Hansard pages 509-510

Question:

Northstar International Graduate School:

- a) Can you tell me whether it is an RTO?
- b) Can you tell me if it is an (sic) AQF register?
- c) Can you tell me whether the proprietor of the college is Mr Michael Megas?
- d) Is the college listed on the US web site, World Classrooms, schools by country?
- e) I am wondering whether you could advise me on what is the nature of its registration in terms of CRICOS?
- f) Could you confirm that it is not registered on CRICOS and it is not an RTO?
- g) Does it have any international students studying at a Sydney campus?
- h) If so, how would they be there?
- i) Could you tell me what sort of courses it offers?
- j) It advertises itself as offering courses such as 'Business and Professional (post univ)'. Are you aware of claims to teach 'University Students'?

Answer:

Northstar International Graduate School:

- a) Northstar International Graduate School (the School) is not listed on the National Training Information Training Service (NTIS) database as a Registered Training Organisation (RTO).
- b) The School it is not listed on the Australian Qualifications Framework register.
- c) The Department holds no information about the School and therefore cannot confirm if the proprietor is Mr Michael Megas.
- d) The School is listed on the WorldWide Classroom (WWC) website at www.worldwide.edu/. WWC is described as "an international consortia of schools which offer intercultural and educational programs, and welcomes international visitors".
- e) The school is not registered on the Commonwealth Register for Institutions and Courses for Overseas Students (CRICOS).
- f) The Department confirms that the School is not registered on CRICOS and is not listed on the NTIS database as an RTO.
- g) The Department holds no information to indicate that international students are studying at the School's Sydney campus. Because the School is not registered on CRICOS, it is not possible for the School to issue electronic confirmations of enrolment.
- h) See (g) above
- i) According to WWC's website, the School offers "Courses in Business, Accounting and/or Management".
- j) The Department holds no information as to claims that the School teaches university students.