

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

**SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Senator Carr asked on 5 June 2003, EWRE Hansard page 511

Question:

Have you had any enquiries regarding the Australian College of Natural Therapies? There are problems with teaching hours and the length of teaching semester at the college enabling students to meet their visa requirements regarding the contact hours and the 36 week study requirement. Are you aware of the administrative arrangements at the college in that regard?

Answer:

Australian College of Natural Therapies

The Department has not received any enquiries regarding the Australian College of Natural Therapies (the College) and is not aware of the administrative arrangements at the College.

However, the NSW Vocational Education and Training Accreditation Board (VETAB) has advised that following receipt of a complaint in September 2002 that the College was not conducting full-time courses, VETAB conducted an audit to investigate the issues raised by the complainant.

VETAB determined that the College was providing full-time courses at 20 hours per week over 36 weeks per year and was maintaining and monitoring prescribed student records.