

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 page 515

Question:

In the context of the effect of SARS on students in terms of the operations of Australian higher education providers

- a) James Cook has a joint venture in Singapore. Have you been advised of this in terms of their international student program?
- b) I am also told that it has been postponed because of their concerns about the effects of the SARS virus. Have you been advised of that?

Answer:

James Cook University and Singapore joint venture

- a) The Department is aware of a joint venture between James Cook University and PSB Corporation.
- b) The venture was not postponed. JCU has advised the Department that it placed a travel ban on staff and students to SARS affected areas, including Singapore, which did impact on the University's marketing capacity and uptake rates in the joint venture program. JCU also advised that they have since updated their SARS policy so that as of 30 June 2003 the ban now no longer applies.