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SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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DEST Question No. E045_05

Senator Marshall asked on 3 June 2004, EWRE Hansard page 6.

Question:

Can you provide information on the review undertaken by the Department to monitor files relating to Victorian commencements in Certificate III Information Technology (Software Applications)?

Answer:

DEST Review of Transfer of New Apprentice records from Certificate III in Information Technology (Software Applications) into other qualifications

In January 2004, DEST officers undertook a review of a sample of 274 of the 4,000 New Apprentice records that were transferred from the Certificate III in Information Technology (Software Applications) qualification into qualifications under the Business Services National Training Package. The aim of the review was to ensure that New Apprenticeships Centres (NACs) had acted in accordance with their New Apprenticeships Support Services contract with the Australian Government when administering the review of qualifications on behalf of the Victorian Office of Training and Tertiary Education (OTTE).

DEST's review found that the Department was satisfied that the NACs had acted in accordance with their contract in assisting employers and OTTE to determine the appropriateness of the Certificate III in Information Technology (Software Applications) to their New Apprentices and workplaces. Six employer records were identified as requiring further investigation and were referred to OTTE as the organisation responsible for determining the appropriateness of the new qualification to the New Apprenticeship training.