

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

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

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DEST Question No. E149_05

Senator Carr tabled on 3 June 2004, EWRE Hansard page 72.

Question:

What was the false or misleading information published or represented by the New South Wales International College that led to its deregistration?

Answer:

New South Wales International College

New South Wales International College Pty Ltd (the College) advised two overseas students that the College was in a “partnership” arrangement with the University of New England (UNE) and they could enrol in a UNE Masters of Computer Studies at the College. The College had no arrangements or agreements with UNE. By doing so, the Minister’s delegate considered that the College misled the students.

On this basis the Minister’s delegate was satisfied that there were reasonable grounds that the College had breached section 15 (registered providers must not engage in misleading or deceptive conduct) of the *Education Services for Overseas Students Act 2000*.