

## EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

### SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2004-2005 BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING

**Outcome:** 3  
**Output Group:** 3.3 – AEI Group

#### **DEST Question No. E152\_05**

Senator Carr asked on 3 June 2004, EWRE Hansard page 79.

#### **Question:**

Is Harbridge Uni College which applied to VETAB for CRICOS registration the same entity as the Harbridge Uni College that claims on its website to have credit transfer arrangements with the University of Wollongong?

#### **Answer:**

*Harbridge Institute of Business & Technology*

The Harbridge Institute of Business & Technology Pty Ltd (HIBT) (formerly trading as Harbridge Uni College) is not registered on the Commonwealth Register for Institutions and Courses for Overseas Students (CRICOS).

HIBT is a wholly owned subsidiary of Uni College Holdings Pty Ltd incorporated in Singapore. They operate in Singapore under the name of Harbridge Educorp.

Harbridge Educorp graduates from some courses receive advanced standing from the University of Wollongong. The University of Wollongong does not have an ongoing contractual relationship with HIBT in Australia. The Harbridge website in question no longer contains an active link to HIBT in Australia.

HIBT has applied to VETAB for CRICOS registration. NEAS Australia confirms that HIBT have submitted an application for accreditation of English courses on CRICOS. NEAS has delegated responsibility from VETAB to accredit English courses on its behalf in the state of New South Wales.