

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

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

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Senator Johnston asked on 3 June 2004, EWRE Hansard page 12.

Question:

What methodology is being employed to surveil and to benchmark training organisations?

Answer:

Surveil and benchmark training organisations

ANTA has provided the following response:

The NTQC provides advice to the ANTA Board on quality assurance arrangements in the national VET system, including the AQTF.

The development of the AQTF Standards was overseen by the NTQC and the Council recommended their endorsement by the ANTA Ministerial Council, through the ANTA Board.

The *Standards for Registered Training Organisations* comprise 12 standards as follows:

1. Systems for quality training and assessment
2. Compliance with Commonwealth, State/Territory legislation and regulatory requirements
3. Effective financial management procedures
4. Effective administrative and records management procedures
5. Recognition of qualifications issued by other RTOs
6. Access and equity and client service
7. The competence of RTO staff
8. RTO assessments
9. Learning and assessment strategies
10. Issuing AQF qualifications and Statements of Attainment
11. Use of national and State/Territory logos
12. Ethical marketing and advertising.

The *Standards for State/Territory Registering/Course Accrediting Bodies* comprise 28 standards to be followed for:

- evaluation of training organisations to ensure they meet, and continue to meet, the *Standards for Registered Training Organisations*
- registration of training organisations, and
- accreditation of courses.

The authority for the administration of the AQTF Standards rests with States and Territories.