

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2005-2006 BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING

Outcome: 3

Output Group: 3.3 – Support for the Australian education and training export industry and international relationships.

DEST Question No. E277_06

Senator Carr provided in writing.

Refers to DIMIA Question No 73 (May 2004)

Question:

DIMIA notes that it has carried out investigations associated with Sydney Business and Travel Academy. Have you undertaken investigations into that provider and/or its students, on your own or in conjunction with DIMIA? What was the outcome?

Answer:

Sydney Business and Travel Academy

DEST undertook investigation into Lan-Grove Office Training Centre Pty Ltd, trading as The Sydney Business and Travel Academy (SBTA) on 31 January 2003. At that time, SBTA was found to be breaching section 107 of the *Education Services for Overseas Students Act 2000* by failing to identify its registered provider name and number on its website. On 12 February 2003, SBTA rectified the matter and included the required information on its website. No joint investigations of issues associated with this provider have been carried out with DIMIA.

Information regarding this provider supplied to DEST by DIMIA is that DIMIA has served four production notices on the Sydney Business & Travel Academy (SBTA) between November 2003 and May 2005. Three of the production notices related to enquiries to determine whether individual students had breached their visa conditions. DIMIA advised DEST that their investigations to date have not produced any evidence to support poor attendance or non-attendance being condoned by SBTA.