

## EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

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

**Outcome:** 2  
**Output Group:** 2.4 – Funding for Higher Education  
3.3 – Support for the Australian education and training export industry and international relations.

#### DEST Question No. E413\_06

Senator Carr provided in writing.

#### Question:

- a) How many private providers are eligible for student access to FEE-HELP loans as at 10 June 2005? Please provide a listing.
- b) Can you provide figures on the number of students for each provider availing themselves of FEE-HELP loans as at that date?
- c) What is the total borrowed with respect to these providers?
- d) What proportion of students with each provider is availing themselves of a FEE-HELP loan?
- e) For any listed private provider that has been the subject of a compliance visit by DEST, or by DEST in conjunction with any other Commonwealth or State agency, under the ESOS regime, please provide a report of the reasons for that visit or those visits and the findings and outcome of the investigations undertaken.
- f) For any listed provider that has been suspended from CRICOS since 1 January 2001, please provide details of dates and reasons for suspension.

#### Answer:

##### *FEE-HELP loans and private higher education providers*

- a) 30. A list is at Attachment A.
- b) Data for the first half of 2005 is not provided to DEST until 31 August 2005.
- c) See b).
- d) This information is not available. Private providers are required to submit data only on students who access a FEE-HELP loan.
- e) Compliance visits related to matters under the *Education Services for Overseas Students (ESOS) Act 2000* were undertaken for three of the providers listed in Attachment A. The visits had both an educative and a monitoring purpose. Several areas of non-compliance were identified across the three providers. Non-compliance related to:
  - Section 8 of the ESOS Act (Providing or promoting a course without being a registered provider);

- Section 107 of the ESOS Act (Failing to identify registered provider in written material);
  - Paragraph 43 of the ESOS National Code (Written agreements for refunds – content); and
  - Paragraph 51 of the ESOS National Code (Use of personal information).
  - As a consequence of the compliance visits, the providers were assisted in becoming compliant with the requirements of the ESOS Act and National Code.
- f) Two listed providers have been suspended since 1 January 2001. Both of these provider suspensions were automatic and resulted from failure to pay the annual Assurance Fund contribution by the due date. Both providers were reinstated upon payment of the contribution and a late payment charge. They are KVB Visual Concepts (trading as KVB Institute of Technology), which was suspended on 28 November 2001 and reinstated on 30 November 2001; and Tabor College (NSW) (trading as Tabor College), which was suspended on 22 August 2002 and reinstated on 27 August 2002.

**Eligible private higher education providers as at 10 June 2005\***

**Australian Capital Territory**

- Australian International Hotel School

**New South Wales**

- Australian College of Physical Education
- Australian Institute of Music
- Avondale College
- KVB Visual Concepts
- Moore Theological College
- National Institute of Dramatic Art
- Sydney College of Divinity
- Sydney Institute of Business and Technology
- Tabor College NSW
- Wesley Institute

**Queensland**

- Bond University
- Christian Heritage College
- Queensland Institute of Business and Technology

**South Australia**

- Adelaide College of Divinity
- Australian Lutheran College
- South Australian Institute of Business and Technology
- Tabor College (South Australia)

**Victoria**

- Australian Institute of Public Safety
- Harvest Bible College
- Marcus Oldham College
- Melbourne Institute of Business and Technology
- Melbourne College of Divinity
- Monash International
- Oceania Polytechnic Institute of Education
- Tabor College VIC

**Western Australia**

- The University of Notre Dame Australia

**Multi State**

- Australian College of Applied Psychology
- Australian College of Theology
- Holmes Institute

*\* This list includes Table B providers and approved private higher education providers whose disallowance period has expired.*