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SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2006-2007 BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING

Outcome 3
Output Group: 3.3 - Support for the Australian education and training export industry and international relationships.

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Senator Wong asked on 1 June 2006, EWRE Hansard page EWRE 118.

Question:

(With respect to the Department's compliance activities under the *Education Services for Overseas Student's [ESOS] Act 2000*)

Senator Wong: Can we go to the four providers listed as suspended. They were all in July. Why are they all on the same day?

Ms Laker: I believe that all of those ones were suspended as a result of non-payment of their annual registration charge.

Senator Wong: Have they since remedied that?

Ms Laker: I would have to take that on notice. If they have paid their annual registration charge and a late payment fee, that suspension can then be lifted.

Answer:

Annual registration charge (ARC)

Of the four providers suspended on 29 July 2005 for non-payment of the ARC, three of the providers paid their ARC, late payment penalty and reinstatement fee. Consequently, these providers had their suspensions lifted. One of the providers remains suspended.