

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

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 relationship.

DEST Question No. E093_07

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

Question:

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

Senator Wong: What are the reasons for the cancellations of registration?

Ms Laker: I would have to go take on notice the specific details of that. The first one I am not sure of, but the second and the third were on the basis of breaches of the ESOS Act. I will have to take on notice the details of that.

Senator Wong: If you could. I do not need to know everything but, certainly, the broad description and the particular sections of the act or code that are alleged would be good.

Answer:

Education services for overseas students

(With regard to the providers listed under the heading "CANCELLATION of Registration" in Attachment B of the document titled "Exercise of Powers under the ESOS Act" tabled at the hearing.)

The International College of Spinology Pty Ltd was suspended from CRICOS under section 89 of the Act following withdrawal of approval by the State authority, VETAB. The College's registration had been suspended because accreditation for the College's only course, the Advanced Diploma of Spinology, had expired and no application for reaccreditation had been received.

After a number of unsuccessful attempts were made to contact the provider, in December 2005 the provider was notified that DEST intended to cancel their registration under section 88 of the Act for ceasing to provide courses to students while suspended. No submissions were received from the provider and the College was subsequently cancelled under section 88 of the Act on 21 March 2006.

The Educationists Pty Ltd (trading as Sydney College of Business and Technology) was suspended from CRICOS under section 89 of the Act following withdrawal of approval by the State authority, the Vocational Education and Training Advisory Board (VETAB). The suspension followed a compliance monitoring visit by DEST on 15 September 2004 which identified breaches of sections 19, 20 and 107 of the Act and paragraphs 13, 39, 43 and 50 of the National Code.

During 2005 a number of unsuccessful attempts were made to contact the provider. In December 2005 the provider was notified that the Department intended to cancel their registration under section 88 of the Act for ceasing to provide courses to students while

suspended. No submissions were received from the provider and the College was subsequently cancelled under section 88 of the Act on 21 March 2006.

Gregory John Allison (trading as Adelaide Legal and Commercial College – the City Business College) was suspended from CRICOS by DEST on 4 February 2005 following a request by the South Australian Department of Further Education, Employment, Science and Technology for breaches of State legislation. Further advice from the State authority on 8 March 2005 was that the provider had ceased trading.

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