

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2005-06 SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES HEARING

Outcome 3

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

DEST Question No. E771_06 - Final

Senator Wong asked on 2 November 2005, EWRE Hansard, page number 119.

Question:

(With regard to compliance matters associated with Bridge Business College Pty Ltd [Bridge] other than their application for exemption from the requirement of membership of a Tuition Assurance Scheme)

I am interested in what associated issues were being investigated. Could you take that on notice?

What I am particularly interested in is what associated issues – which Ms Laker referred to – are being investigated by the Department?

Answer:

Associated issues under investigation

The Department investigated potential breaches of the *Education Services for Overseas Students (ESOS) Act 2000* and subsequently applied conditions to Bridge's registration on 30 August 2005.

Bridge was found to be in breach of requirements relating to reporting student attendance and/or satisfactory academic performance, enrolling overseas students in full-time courses and maintaining records of student attendance.