Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace Relations

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Outcome 3 - Higher Education

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Senator Fifield provided in writing.

CRICOS AND PRISMS

Question
It is planned to suspend all registration to the Commonwealth Register of Institutions & Courses for Overseas Students (CRICOS) from the 31st December 2010; What is the rationale for this? What consultation took place prior to this decision?Which Minister took this decision?

Answer
All education providers delivering education and training to international students are required to be registered on the Commonwealth Register for Overseas Students (CRICOS) for each state and territory in which they operate.

All CRICOS providers are undergoing a process of re-registration by 31 December 2010. Any provider not re-registered by this date will, by force of legislation, no longer be registered on CRICOS and, as a consequence, will lose its ability to legally deliver education services to international students.

Question
What provisions have been made if a CRICOS Provider's re-registration application has not been processed prior to the 31st December 2010?

Answer
The Government is working closely with all state and territory authorities to ensure that all applications for re-registration have been processed before
31 December 2010.

Question
What measures have been taken to educate the providers on how to use the PRISMS internet reporting system?

Answer
All providers who utilise the Provider Registration and International Student Management System (PRISMS) have access to an online training package and user guide. In addition DEEWR maintains a help desk facility for PRISMS users.

Question
Has training been offered / provided?

Answer

Yes. All new users are required to complete five online training modules and achieve a pass mark from a test at the end of each module before they are granted access to PRISMS.

Question

Will training be offered on an ongoing basis?

Answer

Yes.