

## Senate Economics Legislation Committee

Questions on Notice: Australian Skills Quality Authority June 3 2013

Senator Fiona Nash

- 1. What was the Annual salary bill (including leave and superannuation for 2011-12)?**  
ASQA's annual salary expenses (including leave and superannuation) for 2011-12 was \$11,195 million.
- 2. What is the aggregate office space per capital city and in total that ASQA currently has?**

Table 1: ASQA floor space and work points by state/territory office

Location	Size	Number of work points
Canberra, ACT	508 m2	25
Sydney, NSW	839 m2	53
Melbourne, VIC	1884 m2	89
Hobart, TAS	163 m2	6
Perth, WA	191 m2	6
Adelaide, SA	350 m2	16
Brisbane, Qld	1504 m2	75
Toowoomba, Qld	7 m2	1
Darwin, NT	30 m2	3
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5476 m2</b>	<b>207</b>

- 3. How many work points does ASQA have in all offices?**  
ASQA has 270 work points at this time.
- 4. What is the allocation of office space per ASQA staff member?**  
ASQA is a Commonwealth agency operating under the Financial Management Act. Allocation of office space for individual officers is based on the Australian Public Service according to level. The average allocation per ASQA officer is 26.5 square meters per head.
- 5. How many complaints about ASQA relate to timeframes about audits?**  
Of the 133 complaints received by ASQA from establishment 1 July 2011 until 31 March 2013, only 9 or 6.7% complaints were about ASQA audit processes.

**6. How many audits have been done in each state and territory?**

Since 1 July 2011 until 31 March 2013 the total number of ASQA audits completed or currently underway is 2065. In addition another 606 audits have been identified but are not yet underway. The figures in Table 2 below provide a breakdown of the audit activity by each state/territory.

Table 2: Audit Activity by State/Territory

State	Audits Completed	Audits underway	Audits earmarked but not yet underway	Total
ACT	98	9	11	<b>118</b>
NSW	684	142	119	<b>945</b>
NT	20	8	6	<b>34</b>
QLD	232	124	144	<b>500</b>
SA	115	28	15	<b>158</b>
TAS	29	16	2	<b>47</b>
VIC	294	71	74	<b>439</b>
WA	161	34	9	<b>204</b>
Unassigned			226	<b>226</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>1633</b>	<b>432</b>	<b>606</b>	<b>2671</b>

NB: On 1 July 2011, ASQA became the regulatory body for the VET sector for the Australian Capital Territory, the Northern Territory and New South Wales. ASQA became the regulatory body for the VET sector in Tasmania on 15 February 2012, for South Australia on 26 March 2012 and for Queensland on 29 June 2012. ASQA also has responsibility for regulating some Registered Training Organisations (RTOs) in Victoria and Western Australia

**7. What is the percentage of audits undertaken by pariel auditors and by staff auditors?**

The answer to this question will be provided as part of the Question on Notice process.

Senator Doug Cameron

**8. How many RTOs in Victoria have been sanctioned?**

Of the 34 Victorian RTOs that have had sanctions applied by ASQA between July 1 2011 until 31 March 2013 the decisions were:

- 6 cancellations of their registration as an RTO
- 3 suspensions of their Registration

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- 21 rejections for renewal of registration
- 2 rejections of extension of their scope of registration scope
- 2 for other sanctions being rejection of CRICOS related application for new sites and new student capacity.