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Question

Reporting mechanism for Trade Training Centre

CHAIR: So there is no reporting mechanism to you whereby partners within a trade-training centre could make you aware of any issues? Mr Cook: There is not a formal process, as I understand it, in terms of an annual return or anything like that. But they may write to us or contact us in relation to that. CHAIR: So in terms of ensuring the high investment by taxpayers in this particular initiative is well spent and for the purposes for which it was intended, what mechanisms have you put in place to ensure that occurs? Mr Hehir: There is an annual activity report, which I referred to previously. The schools provide us a report on the activities within the trade-training centres. CHAIR: How many of those activity reports have come back that are flagged to you that something is going on? Mr Hehir: I would need to take that on notice.

Answer

To date, none of the annual Activity Reports received have reported issues with clustering arrangements.