

Senate Standing Committees on Education and Employment

**Higher Education Legislation Amendment
(Provider Category Standards and Other Measures) Bill 2020**

QUESTION ON NOTICE

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Senator Mehreen Faruqi on 04 November 2020, Proof Hansard page 37

University college category stakeholders

Question

Senator FARUQI: The department's submission states that the government proposes the university college category due to concerns put forward by some stakeholders at the loss of the discrete Australian university college category. Could you tell me who those stakeholders were?

Mr English: I think IHEA is clearly on record as supporting the university college category. I would have to take on notice if there were any other representations to the government that on the record I'm not aware of.

Senator FARUQI: If you could take that on notice and also let me know if there was someone other than non-university providers on that list.

Answer

Several stakeholders – both university and non-university – included suggestions for the retention or modification of the current Australian University College Category in submissions to Professor Coaldrake's Provider Category Standards Review. These included the University of Sydney, Macquarie University and the University of Adelaide. The Department of Education, Skills and Employment also understands that the Minister met with Independent Higher Education Australia (IHEA) following the release of the review's final report, and that an appropriate name for the new category was expected to be discussed.