
RESPONSE TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

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Senator RHIANNON: Do you think the high cost of delivering these courses would deter private providers or, considering that—as you have said and as we so often hear—there are so many people who want to do vet science, would that in fact be very attractive for private providers to come into the market?

Dr Neutze: It could be. If you look at veterinary nursing, we have one RTO that has just enrolled 3,000 veterinary nurses and there is a 30 per cent completion rate. They are just making money out of people.

Senator RHIANNON: That is what I am trying to understand.

Senator KIM CARR: What is the name of that organisation?

Dr Neutze: I do not have that organisation, sorry.

Senator KIM CARR: Could you take that on notice.

Senator RHIANNON: Yes, could you take that on notice.

Response:

The organisation is Open Colleges and the source of the information was a representative of the Open Colleges RTO in attendance at an Agrifoodskills Australia's environmental scan stakeholder meeting who stated they presently had 3500 enrolled in the veterinary nursing course.