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Mr Alan Raine
Committee Secretary
Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment
PO Box 6100
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Mr Raine

RE: Question on Notice: Job-Ready Graduates hearing 17 September 2020.

The Independent Tertiary Education Council Australia (ITECA) is the peak body representing independent providers in the higher education, vocational education, training and skills sectors. In this context ITECA was invited to appear before the Committee on 17 September 2020 to give evidence into the Higher Education Support Amendment (Job-Ready Graduates and Supporting Regional and Remote Students) Bill 2020.

In the course of the hearing, ITECA CEO, Mr Troy Williams took on notice one question from Senator Faruqi. The response from ITECA is included below.

Question: Senator FARUQI	How many of your members have taken up JobKeeper? Could you take that on notice, please, and also how much funding they got through JobKeeper?
ITECA Response	ITECA members delivering to domestic and overseas students may be in receipt of a range of support measures for different purposes and for different cohorts from state, territory or Commonwealth governments at any point in time. However, ITECA does not expressly monitor, mainly for privacy reasons, which members in the different sectors are in receipt of any of the various government support measures. As a consequence, ITECA is not able to offer an informed response on the number of independent higher education providers that may have accessed JobKeeper, nor the quantum of support they may have accessed.

If I can clarify anything, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely Felix Pirie

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