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AGENCY/DEPARTMENT: Australian Skills Quality Authority (ASQA)

TOPIC: Community Training College

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Senator KIM CARR: Let us go onto Community Training College, which is in Queensland. I understand you have cancelled their registration as a childcare provider?

Mr Robinson: I have just got to check and see if we have got anything on that one here. I might have to take that one on notice.

Senator KIM CARR: Thank you.

Mr Robinson: Yes, I can give you a report about anything we have done with them.

ANSWER

Cancellation of Registration

The Australian Skills Quality Authority (ASQA) undertook a post-initial audit of Community Training College Pty Ltd (“the RTO”) on 3-4 April 2013. This audit identified significant non-compliances with the National Standards. The RTO was given an opportunity to provide rectification evidence in relation to the non-compliances identified at the audit. The RTO provided rectification evidence to ASQA, it was however determined that it remained non-compliant.

As such, ASQA issued the RTO with a notice of intention to cancel its registration on 10 October 2013, the RTO was invited to respond to the notice of intention by 11 November 2013. The RTO provided a response to the notice on 11 November 2013. ASQA considered the response and determined that the RTO continued to be non-compliant with the Standards.

Following this ASQA gave the RTO a notice of decision to cancel its registration on 2 July 2014, the decision to cancel was effective as of 21 August 2014.

Criminal Prosecution

Documentation provided to ASQA as part of the post-initial audit of 3-4 April 2014 raised concerns with the auditor. The documents were provided to the ASQA investigations team to be assessed separately to the audit.

The investigation into the document led to ASQA submitting a brief of evidence to the Commonwealth QLD Director of Public Prosecutions for criminal prosecution on 7 January 2014.

As a result of this brief on 12 September 2014 ASQA gained a criminal conviction in the Brisbane Magistrates Court in respect of five charges for offences against section 137(2) False or misleading documents of the Criminal Code, and a penalty of \$2,000.00.