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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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AGENCY/DEPARTMENT: Australian Skills Quality Authority (ASQA)

TOPIC: RTO – Registration cancellation

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QUESTION No.: SI-34

Mr Robinson: I have some further information. Senator Carr asked about this as well. This is the one where we have had the prosecution through the courts recently in relation to this RTO having presented ASQA with false documents about the qualifications of the training staff. It has led to a prosecution of the owner of this RTO.

Senator KETTER: The owner?

Mr Robinson: I believe it is the owner.

Senator KETTER: Your website talks about a training manager.

Mr Robinson: I would have to check what position.

Senator KETTER: I have Googled that college. They still seem to be operating. The website gives every indication that they are—

Mr Robinson: Their registration was cancelled in August, so they are not operating. There may be a website there. We will double check that issue, but their registration was cancelled.

Senator KETTER: I noticed that there is a campus in Victoria. There is a Victorian connection here. Is this based in Victoria?

Mr Robinson: I think this RTO is based in Queensland. I will have to double check whether there are any links. We will make sure that the actions that have been taken have been followed through.

ANSWER

Following failure to rectify non-compliances identified at a post initial on 3-4 April 2013, ASQA cancelled the registration of Community Training College (CTC) effective as of 21 August 2014.

ASQA's audit and subsequent investigation of CTC also resulted in 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. This conviction related to the provider's Training Manager.

Training.gov.au lists two website addresses for CTC, these are:

- http://www.myctc.edu.au (website 1)
- http://www.ctcollege.com.au (website 2)

Website 1 is a page stating that "This site is down for maintenance", website 2 is an active site that seems to indicate that CTC can facilitate training through other Registered Training Organisations. ASQA is investigating whether this site contains any material that could lead to regulatory action.

CTC was based in Queensland, however the provider also offered training in Victoria, with premises located in Dandenong in Melbourne's southeast.