

**Senate Committee: Education and Employment**

**QUESTION ON NOTICE  
Additional Estimates 2014 - 2015**

**Outcome: Skills and Training**

**Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ15-000013**

Senator Rhiannon, Lee asked on 25 February 2015, Hansard page 116

***Registration period for RTOs***

**Question**

Senator RHIANNON: Did you advise—I was just trying to understand the process here—the government that the registration period for RTOs should be extended from five to seven years?

Senator RHIANNON: Minister, have you been lobbied by any RTOs or lobbyists for the industry for this sector to make that extension?

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Senator RHIANNON: Mr Robinson and Senator Birmingham, could you both take on notice if you have been lobbied by the sector, by lobbyists for the sector or by RTOs?

Mr Robinson: I do not need to take that on notice. I have not been lobbied by any professional lobbyists.

Senator RHIANNON: Okay, so Senator Birmingham?

Senator Birmingham: I will check. Obviously, as a new minister, lots of people have written me letters. Whether it has been included in one of those letters as a suggestion we will check. I certainly do not recall any conversations to that effect.

**Answer**

The Department of Education and Training has searched relevant sources. The Minister was not lobbied on this matter.

Extending the maximum period of registration to seven years will allow Australian Skills Quality Authority to redirect regulatory effort away from scheduled renewal processes and towards better targeted or more random auditing, compliance and enforcement action against poor quality providers.