Senate Committee: Education and Employment

QUESTION ON NOTICE Additional Estimates 2014 - 2015

Outcome: Higher Education Research and International

Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ15-000107

Senator Rhiannon, Lee provided in writing.

Also refer to previous Question No. ED0568_15

Providers with access to VET-FEE-HELP

Question

- 1. In response to question ED0568_15 from Senate Estimates in 2014 ASQA provided a table listing a number of providers with access to VET-FEE-HELP. However, a number of providers that advertise their eligibility for VET-FEE-HELP on their website such as Group Colleges Australia, The Whitehouse Institute of Design and the Australian College of Hypnotherapy were not on that list. Why is that?
- a. Please detail the amount of VET-FEE-HELP funding accessed by these institutions?
- 2. Could I please request an updated table similar to what you provided me in response to question ED0568 15 but also include figures for 2014?

Answer

1. Group Colleges Australia is not an approved VET FEE-HELP provider but is approved as a higher education provider under FEE-HELP which it advertises on its website.

Whitehouse Institute Pty Ltd trading as The Whitehouse Institute of Design was approved for VET FEE-HELP in June 2013, however, has not reported any student liability data for 2013.

Australian College of Hypnotherapy is the trading name for The Holistic Healing Company Pty Ltd that was approved for VET FEE-HELP in September 2013. The Holistic Company Pty Ltd is listed on the table provided at Senate Estimates in 2014.

2. An updated table including 2014 figures is not yet available. Final year 2014 data is due to be published at the end of June 2015.