

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

**QUESTION ON NOTICE
Additional Estimates 2015 - 2016**

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Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ16-000008

Senator Carr, Kim asked on 10 February 2016, Proof Hansard page 74

ASQA: RTO audits

Question

Senator KIM CARR: So they are repeat audits?

Mr Robinson: Those ones are, yes.

Senator KIM CARR: How many colleges were audited?

Mr Robinson: I would have to get that number—some of them have been more than once; that is right.

Senator KIM CARR: I am just interested to know—

Mr Robinson: We will get for you on notice how many of the RTOs of the 5,000—

Senator KIM CARR: That is right. I am interested to know how many of the regular routine audits were because you had a problem. You are saying six per cent, because you had a problem?

Mr Robinson: No, more than that. We are saying 40 per cent of the audits were multiple—

Senator KIM CARR: So 40 per cent?

Mr Robinson: Yes.

Senator KIM CARR: So the number of colleges audited we would reduce quite substantially from that number.

Mr Robinson: We will get you the actual number on notice.

Answer

The Australian Skills Quality Authority (ASQA) has provided the following response.

As at 31 December 2015 some 2580 of the 4012 ASQA registered RTO had been audited at least once by the Authority. Of these, 1079 RTOs had had multiple audits conducted.