

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

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

Outcome: Agency: ASQA

Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ16-000363

Senator Carr, Kim provided in writing.

ASQA - Study Group Australia

Question

ASQA has previously said that Study Group Australia was non-compliant in relation to enrolment and assessment of students prior to enrolment (ref: ASQA, Update in targeted audits of VET FEE-HELP providers, p.2). Are you now satisfied that this provider is compliant?

Why has ASQA imposed requirements on this provider that enable you to monitor it for the next 12 months?

What action will ASQA take if, during the coming year, you detect further non-compliance, or problems with compliance?

Answer

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

Study Group Australia underwent a compliance monitoring audit in April 2015 as part of ASQA's targeted audits of VET FEE-HELP providers, and though found initially non-compliant, they were able to demonstrate full compliance at the conclusion of the audit process.

ASQA determined however that the imposition of data retention and reporting conditions were warranted, based on the issues examined during the audit and the commitments made by these RTOs to address these issues.

ASQA will conduct a follow-up compliance audit later this year to assess this provider's ongoing compliance. ASQA will take appropriate regulatory action against the provider if such action is warranted.