

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

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

Outcome: Skills and Training

Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ16-000565

Senator Carr, Kim provided in writing.

Extensions or exemptions to RTOs

Question

Does the Government intend to grant any extensions or exemptions to RTOs such as Study Group, who are taking on additional students following the collapse of Global Intellectual Holdings?

Answer

No decisions to grant extensions on exceptions have yet been made.

However, paragraph 45D(2)(e) and subclause 45D(6) of Schedule 1A to the *Higher Education Support Act 2003* specifically provide for the allocation of VET FEE-HELP credits to vocational education and training (VET) providers when another body ceases to be a VET provider.

With the collapse of Global Intellectual Holdings, Study Group has not at this stage taken on additional students. The impacted students previously studying with Aspire and the Australian Indigenous College were at all times enrolled with Study Group, and Study Group is continuing to discharge its responsibilities under the *Higher Education Support Act 2003* in connection with those students.