

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

**QUESTION ON NOTICE
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Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ16-000666

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ASQA: Training in security programs in Australia report

Question

ASQA recently released its report "Training in security programs in Australia". This investigation commenced in 2014 and was due to be released throughout the course of last year before finally being released this year.

- Why was the report so late in being released?
- When was it supplied to the Minister's office?

Answer

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

ASQA's *Training in security programs in Australia* strategic review was publicly released on 28 January 2016. The review was announced in 2014 and completed in late 2015.

The review experienced delays for two reasons. Firstly, ASQA needed to wait while it finalised the audits of providers looked at as part of the review that were found non-compliant. Secondly, there was also a considerable volume of work being undertaken by the Authority in late 2015 to finalise ASQA's VET FEE-HELP review (released on 20 October 2015).

The report was supplied to the Ministers office on 16 December 2015.

ASQA decided not to release the report over the Christmas holiday period.