

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

**QUESTION ON NOTICE
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Outcome: Agency: TEQSA

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Senator Collins, Jacinta provided in writing

TEQSA - developing quality

Question

What type of sector-wide guidance or research does TEQSA give in relation to developing quality in the higher education sector?

Answer

The Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency (TEQSA) has provided the following response.

In accordance with the *Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency Act 2011* Ministerial Direction No. 2 of 2013, TEQSA works to improve sectoral quality assessment activities where it has surplus resources after fulfilling its key activities of provider registration and re-registration applications, course accreditation and re-accreditation applications.

Examples of TEQSA's sector-wide research, guidance and communication include:

- overview reports such as the Key Financial Metrics report and the Statistics Report on TEQSA Registered Higher Education Providers
- briefings and guidance notes in relation to the transition to, and interpretation and application of, the *Higher Education Standards Framework (Threshold Standards) 2015*
- allocation of case managers to respond to any questions from providers
- dedicated resources to engage with stakeholders in responding to sectoral issues, such as the maintenance of academic integrity.