

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment - Education

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Senator Carr provided in writing.

Paramount College of Natural Medicine

Question

Can the Department confirm that an entity trading as Paramount College of Natural Medicine is on the TEQSA register? Can the Department confirm that the accredited courses offered at Paramount College include Homeopathy and Mind Body Medicine? Can the Department confirm that the College's website says, of its accredited Mind Body Medicine course: "Study Mind Body Medicine and delve into the world of Quantum Consciousness, NLP, Vibrational Medicine, Neuroplasticity and Food Revolution. You will gain practical skills in a range of natural therapy treatments including Nutrition and Flower essences and attain a diverse range of knowledge based on a solid foundation of Biological Sciences." ? Can you confirm that those studying this course will have access to public subsidies through Commonwealth Subsidised Place funding?

Answer

The Paramount College of Natural Medicine is currently registered as a higher education institution with the Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency (TEQSA). The College offers a number accredited bachelor programmes of study including a Bachelor of Health Science (Mind Body Medicine).

From 1 January 2016, all registered higher education institutions will be able to offer Commonwealth supported places to Australian students enrolling in a TEQSA accredited bachelor, diploma, advanced diploma or associate degree course.

The Government has established a working group, led by Professor Peter Shergold, to advise on the eligibility requirements for private universities and non-university higher education institutions (including international institutions) to access Commonwealth supported places (CSPs).

It is therefore not possible yet to be certain for which university courses CSPs will be available, as it will depend on their meeting the eligibility criteria.