

**Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment - Education**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
Budget Estimates 2014-2015**

**Agency - Tertiary Education Quality & Standards Agency (TEQSA)**

**Department of Education Question No. ED0255\_15**

**Senator Rhiannon provided in writing.**

**Question**

**Rejections and conditional approvals**

1. In terms of the 12 provider applications received by TEQSA by 31 May 2014: over the course of what time were they received? That is, were those 12 applications received over the preceding 12 months or 6 months, for example?
2. In terms of the 4 applications that were rejected what were the reasons for those rejections?
3. How many providers and courses offered by providers have conditional approvals and what is the total number of conditions for each provider and course?

**Answer**

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

1. Of the 12 initial registration applications received by TEQSA by 31 May 2014, four were received as inherited business from the States and Territories: four were submitted in the second half of 2012; and four were submitted in the second half of 2013.
2. It is not appropriate for TEQSA to comment on individual regulatory cases. Subsection 21(1) of the TEQSA Act allows TEQSA to grant an application for registration if TEQSA is satisfied that the applicant meets the Threshold Standards. TEQSA was not satisfied that these four applicants met the Threshold Standards.
3. There are currently 80 conditions on the National Register. Eleven conditions apply to the registrations of five providers. Sixty nine conditions apply to course accreditations [24 courses of 9 providers].