

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

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
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**Question**

**Australian Universities Quality Agency**

CHAIR: Ms Kristoffersen, the Australian Universities Quality Agency is an agency with whom you were associated? Ms Kristoffersen: That is correct. CHAIR: Where does it fit into this overall process? What is its funding level? What is its area of responsibility? Ms Kristoffersen: The Australian Universities Quality Agency no longer exists. CHAIR: I am trying to get some understanding within Australia as to what sort of budget it had for the task it had in order to see what the comparator might be with the current task that we are discussing here. Ms Kristoffersen: My association with the Australian Universities Quality Agency dates back to 2007, when I left my employment there. I do not have the numbers at the back of my head. CHAIR: I wonder if you could take that on notice for us.

**Answer**

The Australian Universities Quality Agency (AUQA) was established by the Ministerial Council for Employment, Education, Training and Youth Affairs (MCEETYA) in 2000 and was funded by the Commonwealth, states and territories from 2001 to 2011 to undertake quality audits of universities and other higher education providers at Australian and overseas campuses.

In 2011 AUQA had operational funding of approximately \$1.3 million from the Commonwealth, states and territories.