

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

QUESTION ON NOTICE Budget Estimates 2015 - 2016

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Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ15-000279

Senator Carr, Kim asked on 03 June 2015, Proof Hansard page 31

TEQSA: review process for accreditation

Question

Senator KIM CARR: Are you satisfied that the current guidelines will allow you to make a timely decision on these courses?

Prof. Saunders: I am confident that the current standards can be applied satisfactorily to these courses and that we will have an outcome in the near future.

Senator KIM CARR: And you will find credible academics who can provide the peer review assessments?

Prof. Saunders: We have found credible academics.

Senator KIM CARR: Are you able to name them?

Prof. Saunders: I do not believe that is appropriate, Senator.

Senator KIM CARR: Could you take on notice whether or not you do consider that—on what basis you would say it is not appropriate to name them?

Prof. Saunders: Sure.

Answer

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

TEQSA has received advice from the following academics in relation to applications by ParaPharm Pty Ltd and the Australian College of Natural Medicine Pty Ltd for renewal of course accreditation:

- Professor Stephen Myers (Acupuncture, Herbal Medicine, Homoeopathy, Myotherapy, Naturopathy, and Nutritional and Dietetic Medicine)
- Dr Matthew Leach (Naturopathy and Nutritional Medicine)
- Professor Anne Cusick (Mind Body Medicine)
- Mr Spero Tsindos (Homoeopathy, Naturopathy and Western Herbal Medicine)
- Dr Airdre Grant (Acupuncture, Herbal Medicine, Homoeopathy, Myotherapy, Naturopathy, and Nutritional and Dietetic Medicine)
- Dr Judy Harris Humphries (Homoeopathy)
- Dr Halima Goss (Mind Body Medicine).