

## Senate Committee: Education and Employment

### QUESTION ON NOTICE Budget Estimates 2017 - 2018

#### Outcome: Skills and Training

#### Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ17-000574

Senator Cameron, Doug asked on 31 May 2017, Proof Hansard page 38.

#### *Australasian College Broadway*

#### Question

Senator CAMERON: Can I move to the Australasian College Broadway?

Mr Paterson: Yes. We spent some time in relation to that business on the last occasion.

Senator CAMERON: Yes. Have the students been placed with other providers yet? How many are still waiting, if any?

Mr Paterson: That placement is an activity not undertaken by us. The placement with other providers comes about as a result of the tuition protection arrangements that were in place from either ACPET or TDA. I do not know that I have information that would tell me about the number that have been placed with an alternative provider. I might take that on notice.

#### Answer

The Australasian College of Broadway's VET FEE-HELP students are covered under the tuition assurance scheme which supports students whose provider ceases to offer a course (e.g. by going into administration) to move to another provider to continue their training or receive a refund of tuition fees paid for units not yet completed.

The Australian Council for Private Education and Training (ACPET) administers the tuition assurance scheme for the Australasian College of Broadway's VET FEE-HELP students.

According to data ACPET provided to the Department of Education and Training on the 27 September 2017, 235 Australasian College of Broadway VET FEE-HELP students requested course assurance (placement in a similar course). Of these, 67 have been placed, 168 are awaiting placement with a new provider.

ACPET has advised the department of factors affecting the administration of tuition assurance, including:

- no similar course is available (i.e. the course is a bespoke course)
- the students are located regionally or rurally and there is not a similar course available nearby
- incomplete student records (held by provider).

In the event a similar course is not available, the student may wish to request a fee re-credit for units of study commenced but not complete.