

## Senate Committee: Education and Employment

### QUESTION ON NOTICE Budget Estimates 2017–2018

#### Outcome: Skills and Training

#### Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ17-000966

Senator Cameron, Doug provided in writing.

#### *Sage and Nexus*

##### Question

- How much in public funds (including student loans) was provided to Sage and Nexus in each of the last five years?
- How many students did each of these providers have in each of the last five years?
- What courses was each of these providers authorised to offer in each of the last five years?

##### Answer

Nexus Institute Pty Ltd is a registered training organisation (RTO) owned by the RTO Australian Careers Institute Pty Ltd. Nexus Institute was not a VET FEE-HELP provider during the period 2012 to 2016.

Sage Institute of Fitness is one of the trading names for the Australian Careers Institute Pty Ltd. The total amount of VET FEE-HELP loans paid to Australian Careers Institute Pty Ltd and the number of students in each of the years 2012 to 2016 is shown in the table below.

	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
VET FEE-HELP loans	\$23,232,286	\$32,654,890	\$11,830,650	\$0	\$0
Number of students	2,142	2,093	795	0	0

States and territories also provide funding for training to organisations including Sage.

The question regarding what courses Nexus Institute Pty Ltd and Sage Institute of Fitness were authorised to offer has been referred to ASQA to respond to (Refer to SQ17-001036).