

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

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

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

**Department of Education Question No. ED0626\_15**

**Senator Rhiannon asked on 22 October 2014 , Hansard page 59**

Refers to previous Question No ED0347\_15.

**Question**

**TEQSA: in relation to ED0347\_15 (time for a provider to receive registration)**

Senator RHIANNON: In response to question on notice ED0347\_15 you stated that the longest time for a provider to receive registration was 554 days. Could you inform the committee what the name of this provider was—and was the registration for the provider itself or for a particular course?

Prof. Saunders: If it is a renewal of registration, it is about a provider; it is not about a course. For a course, we use the terms 'accreditation' and 'reaccreditation'. So it would be the registration of a provider. I do not have the details of who that provider is nor why it was 554 days. I will take that on notice.

Senator RHIANNON: If you could take on notice why it was so long and what the name was, that would be appreciated. I am still not sure if it was registration for the provider itself or for a course. Could you clarify that, please?

Prof. Saunders: Certainly.

**Answer**

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

The application referred to in ED0347\_15 is the renewal of registration of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia (ICAA).

The period of assessment was impacted by:

- An extended period where TEQSA was awaiting a response from the Provider to a 'request for information' (March to May 2013);
- An extended period, agreed with the provider, where TEQSA awaited the outcome of a proposed merger of operations, which may have changed the legal entity that had applied for registration (second half of 2013).

The period of assessment for the renewal of ICAA's registration had no effect on its registration status as under section 36(3) of the Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency Act (the TEQSA Act) 'the provider's registration is taken to continue until TEQSA decides whether to renew the provider's registration.'