

**Senate Committee: Education and Employment**

**QUESTION ON NOTICE  
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2015 - 2016**

**Outcome: Skills and Training**

**Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ15-000808**

Senator Carr, Kim provided in writing.

***VET FEE-HELP providers approval and application***

**Question**

In regards to VET FEE-HELP providers:

- (a) How many provider approvals have been granted for 2015 to date?
- (b) And how many were granted in 2014?
- (c) How many applications were received in 2014 and 2015 to date?
- (d) What is the Department's average processing time?

**Answer**

- (a) There have been 23 registered training organisations approved as a VET provider under the *Higher Education Support Act 2003* between 1 January and 5 November 2015.
- (b) There were 73 registered training organisations approved as a VET provider under the *Higher Education Support Act 2003* during 2014.
- (c) The number of applications submitted by registered training organisations during 2014 and 2015 was 68 and 110 respectively.
- (d) The time between an applicant submitting their completed VET FEE-HELP application and their application being approved (or rejected) by the delegate of the Minister is approximately 9.3 months (as at 5 November 2015).