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Senator MASON – What dialogue is currently underway with providers about this framework document? What is the thrust of the feedback being received on that document?

Dr Nicoll: We have consulted with sector and risk experts in relation to the development of the framework. I can list the meetings we had prior to the release of the document that show that we actually did consult very broadly across the sector.

Senator MASON: Could you give it to the committee on notice?

Dr Nicoll: Yes. I am very happy to. In terms of the response, I think there was a strong sense that what we were proposing was good sense. It reflected a common-sense understanding of anybody in the sector in terms of what were the core factors that should be considered in relation to risks for providers.

ANSWER

TEQSA consulted with sector and risk experts between December 2011 and January 2012 in the development of the Regulatory Risk Framework, as follows:

- Face to face meetings with the Australian Council for Private Education and Training (13 January 2012), the Council of Private Higher Education (16 January 2012), Universities Australia (17 January 2012), and TAFE Directors Australia (20 January 2012).
- Consideration of written feedback from the Council of Australian Postgraduate Associations, the National Tertiary Education Union and the National Union of Students.
- Discussions with the Australian Skills Quality Authority.
- Consultation with a number of risk experts.