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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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AGENCY/DEPARTMENT: AUSTRALIAN SKILLS QUALITY AUTHORITY

TOPIC: Airservices Australia

REFERENCE: Written Question – Senator Xenophon

QUESTION No.: BI-118

Airservices Australia is an RTO (Registered No 5168). It is a key element of Civil Aviation Safety Regulations 1998 Part 143 ‘Air Traffic Services Training Providers’ that the organisation must be a Registered Training Organisation (RTO) within the Australian Quality Training Framework.

1. Does the Australian Skills Quality Authority (ASQA), as the national regulator of the vocational education and training (VET) sector, delegate any auditing functions to other instrumentalities?
2. If so, is CASA a delegated authority from ASQA to conduct RTO audits on Airservices to ensure continuing compliance with CASR Part 143?
3. When was the last RTO audit conducted on Airservices by ASQA or its predecessor body?
4. How many RTO audits have been conducted by ASQA or its predecessor body on Airservices?

ANSWER

1. No, ASQA does not delegate any auditing functions to other instrumentalities. However ASQA does employ contract auditors on its behalf.
2. No, CASA is not delegated by ASQA to conduct audits on its behalf - refer to answer in question 1 above.
3. The last audit conducted on Airservices Australia was on 1 May 2008 and was conducted against the 2007 AQTF Standards for RTOs by the Victorian Registration and Qualifications Authority (VRQA).
4. ASQA records show that Airservices Australia has been audited on two occasions, in 2008. One audit was conducted on 24 April 2008 when processing an application to change their scope of registration. The other audit was a renewal registration audit (May 2008) described in answer three above. There have been no audits post this date.