

**Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace  
Relations**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
Additional Estimates 2009-2010**

**Outcome 3 - Higher Education**

**DEEWR Question No. EW0828\_10**

**Senator Cash provided in writing.**

*Refers to previous DEEWR Question No. EW569\_10*

**Question**

**ROGER TRAINING ACADEMY – PPP COMPLIANCE**

At the October Estimates hearing the issue of the Roger Training Academy was raised and that it has been exposed as offering bogus qualifications in security. Evidence was given that the Department was conducting reviews on a variety of RTOs. Please advise: a. how many RTOs were being reviewed? b. Why they were being reviewed. c. What is the outcome of each review?

**Answer**

a) Including current exercises, the Department has monitored 63 RTOs in respect to the Australian Government's delivery of the Productivity Places Program (PPP).

b) Desktop Monitoring is undertaken in regard to the delivery of the PPP using a risk based approach. Risks that are monitored include:

- High volume of enrolments, commencements, completions and attrition rates ie withdrawals, cancellations and expired enrolments; and/or
- Liaison and feedback from the state training authorities; and/or.
- Enquiries that indicate inappropriate activity.

c) The outcome of the 63 monitoring exercises is as follows:

- 19 have been found fully compliant (no action necessary)
- 4 resulted in administrative funding being repaid (due to non-compliance in respect to records being maintained)
- 22 resulted in some level of repayment for qualification costs (due to non-compliance in respect to critical records being maintained)
- 14 are still ongoing
- 4 have been unable to be resolved through standard monitoring procedures due to the RTO ceasing operation/going into liquidation. However investigations are continuing to either pursue funding owed and/or to determine if any milestone claims were fraudulent.