

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment - Education

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Additional Estimates 2013-2014**

Agency - Tertiary Education Quality & Standards Agency

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Question

TEQSA - Williams Business College

Senator KIM CARR: This is a very serious question. This is a college that is continuing to enrol, that says it is open to enrolments. It says that students who approach the college, despite these proceedings, are provided with a notice concerning the proceedings before the AAT. Did you have any say in the drafting of the wording of that notice? Dr Nicoll: Yes, we saw that notice. Senator KIM CARR: You saw it, but did you have any say in its drafting? Dr Nicoll: It was shown to us, with an opportunity for our comment. Senator KIM CARR: Did you comment? Dr Nicoll: I cannot recall whether we commented; I would have to take that on notice.

Answer

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

Following negotiations between TEQSA and Williams Business College (WBC), TEQSA agreed on the wording of the notice to be placed on the WBC website. The agreed wording was presented to the Administrative Appeals Tribunal (AAT) and the AAT imposed a condition on the stay of TEQSA's decisions which required dissemination of the notice using the agreed wording.