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**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Agency - Tertiary Education Quality & Standards Agency

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Question

TEQSA - non-profit sector has a lower percentage of infractions

Senator RHIANNON: So, there is no way of determining if the non-profit sector has a lower percentage of infractions? Dr Nicoll: No. We can look at that. Were TEQSA to release an analysis, which is our intention, of the results from provider information requests, our analysis of regulatory activity may be a dimension we would look at but we have not made that decision as yet. Senator RHIANNON: Could I request that that information is provided, because I imagine—possibly in separate databases—you have the information of the whole sector, and then you also have what are profit and non-profit. So, if in this era of databases, if that could be collated— Dr Nicoll: We will note your request.

Answer

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

TEQSA does not identify data on whether an entity is a not-for-profit entity for the purposes of its regulatory processes. It would involve an unreasonable diversion of the agency's resources to conduct a manual search of TEQSA's records on each provider, assess whether or not a provider is a not-for-profit entity based on the information TEQSA holds and collate data based on this assessment.