

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2004-2005 BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING

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DEST Question No. E148_05

Senator Carr tabled on 3 June 2004, EWRE Hansard page 72.

Question:

What was the nature of the misleading and deceptive conduct that was the reason for the Australian International College of Business having its registration cancelled? I am referring here to question on notice E762.

Answer:

Australian International College of Business

The Australian International College of Business Pty Ltd (AICB) created confirmation of enrolments for students enrolled in courses that were not registered on the Commonwealth Register of Institutions and Courses for Overseas Students. By doing so the Minister for Education Science and Training's delegate considered that AICB misled the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs to believe that the students were enrolled in a registered course when AICB was not, in fact, registered to provide that course in New South Wales.

On this basis the Minister for Education Science and Training's delegate was satisfied that there were reasonable grounds to believe that AICB had breached section 15 (registered providers must not engage in misleading or deceptive conduct) of the *Education Services for Overseas Students Act 2000*.