

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

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Budget Estimates 2010-2011**

Outcome 3 - Higher Education

DEEWR Question No.EW0071_11

Senator Hanson-Young provided in writing.

Question

NATIONAL QUALITY COUNCIL

Please advise if you are aware that the Australian Education Union and the ACTU have expressed concern to the National Quality Council regarding the appropriateness of trainer qualifications being not suitable for teachers in the current VET environment?

Answer

DEEWR is aware the Australian Education Union (AEU) expressed concerns to the National Quality Council (NQC) regarding the appropriateness of qualifications for trainers and assessors within the newly endorsed TAE10 Training and Assessment Training Package, and specifically the Certificate IV in Training and Assessment and higher level qualifications relating to Language Literacy and Numeracy.

Following discussion of these issues at their 12 May 2010 meeting, NQC endorsed the TAE10 Training and Assessment Training Package and agreed to further discussion between the Industry Skills Council, (Innovation and Business Skills Australia), AEU and interested NQC members with the aim of resolving AEU's issues.