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Question

INNOVATION AND BUSINESS INDUSTRY SKILLS COUNCIL (IBSA)

Innovation and Business Industry Skills Council (IBSA) 1. How many agreements for the supply of training materials has IBSA concluded with TAFE Colleges in Queensland? 2. What is the value and length of time of each of these agreements? 3. How many agreements is IBSA in the process of negotiating in Queensland? 4. Do these agreements require IBSA to be the exclusive supplier of training materials to the institutions concerned? 5. How many agreements of similar type is IBSA negotiating in Queensland? 6. What contracts or agreements has IBSA concluded for the preparation of training materials for supply to TAFE Colleges. Please supply the name/s of the contracting parties, the value of the contract and details of the materials to be provided. 7. Please provide a copy of IBSA's constitution or a reference to a place where it can be viewed.Est

Answer

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