

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

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
Budget Estimates 2011-2012**

**Outcome 3 - Higher Education**

**DEEWR Question No.EW0419\_12**

**Senator Back asked on 1/06/2011, Hansard page 61.**

**Question**

**VET REGULATOR**

Ms McEwen: A process has deferred in the different states. In every state, including both the referring and non-referring states, the authority who currently employs staff has been given the option of having an internal expression of interest undertaken, and that did occur in Western Australia, the Northern Territory and the ACT. Western Australia and Victoria declined that offer, so the advertising has been done through the open market.

Senator BACK: I wonder, on notice, if you could just advise us what you expect to be the full complement—that might be the best answer—once established in each of the states and territories.

Ms McEwen: Once fully established in all the states and territories, it is expected to be about 180.

Senator BACK: Yes, but if you could give us a breakdown and, again, not now but on notice.

Ms McEwen: Yes

**Answer**

Once fully established, the proposed structure for the Australian Skills Quality Authority (ASQA), as agreed by the Interim Executive Chair, will comprise 163 employees plus 3 Commissioners (yet to be appointed). The location of ASQA Commissioners has not yet been determined.

Offices will be located in each state and territory capital. The proposed distribution of the employees will be:

Sydney	47
Melbourne	36
Brisbane	48
Perth	5
Canberra	4
Darwin	3
Adelaide	16
Hobart	4

However, this staffing profile may change over time as ASQA develops and its workload and resourcing requirements become clearer.