

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

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

Outcome 3 - Higher Education

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

Question

VET Regulator - Skills Sets

Senator BACK: Can you also tell me the skills sets that are to be required? Are they equivalent to those currently undertaken by the people in the states or territories, or is it a new set of skills? Are they additional to the existing skills of staff who would succeed in getting a job under the new regulator?

Ms McEwen: I believe that there is a combination of both, but I will take that on notice.

Answer

Australian Skills Quality Authority (ASQA) employees will have the same core skills as current regulatory staff employed in the states and territories, as well as some additional skills. It is anticipated that state/territory employees may need some skills development in the use of ASQA's specific risk model and strategy for industry engagement. This will be achieved through on-the-job training.