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Senator Carr provided in writing.

Question:

Please provide an update on the situation regarding the Commonwealth Register of Institutions and Courses for Overseas Students (CRICOS) registration – and related relevant matters – of Buckingham College, SA.

Answer:

CRICOS Registration & placement of 3 overseas students enrolled at cancellation.

On 19 August 2004, the South Australian Department of Further Education, Employment, Science and Technology (DFEEST) withdrew approval for Buckingham College of English (the College) to provide courses for overseas students. On the basis of this advice, the College was automatically cancelled from CRICOS in accordance with Section 91 of the ESOS Act 2000.

At the time of the cancellation the College had three enrolled overseas students.

As the College was a member of the Australian Council for Private Education and Training (ACPET) Tuition Assurance Scheme (TAS), ACPET convened a placement committee on 23 August 2004. All 3 students accepted placements at other institutions and recommenced study between 6 – 14 September 2004.