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QUESTIONS ON NOTICE: Budget Estimates 2016-17 General Purpose Standing Committee No. 6, Friday 2 September

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Mr DAVID SHOEBRIDGE: I have one more question that you can take on notice. You said that Boston Consulting has been engaged by TAFE since 2009. Can you give a cumulative total of how much Boston Consulting has been paid and can you do that project by project since 2009?

Mr JOHN BARILARO: We will take that question on notice.

ANSWER

I am advised Boston Consulting Group (BCG) conducted an 'Expenditure Review of Department of Education and Training – Initial Scan' as part of 'Better Services and Value Plan Taskforce' commissioned by Department of Education in 2009 with the involvement of TAFE NSW. As TAFE NSW was part of the Department of Education in 2009 all matters relating to this engagement with BCG during this period should be directed to the Minister for Education.

Between October 2014 and April 2015, whilst a part of the Department of Education, TAFE NSW engaged BCG for:

- a. Workforce Reform Strategies - \$405,000 (excluding GST)
- b. DEC14-87 New Business Model (Provision of detailed analysis on the vocational education and training sector) - \$1.74M (excluding GST)
- c. Modernisation and Reform - \$597,400 (excluding GST)

Since separation from the Department of Education on 1 July 2015 TAFE NSW engaged BCG, in April 2016, for:

- Drafting of 'The NSW Vocational Education and Training market and TAFE NSW's competitive position within it' report - \$82,500 (excluding GST)

TAFE NSW is a two billion dollar a year business and this represents an investment in its decision making for the future.

Consultant's fees are published in the Annual Report.

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The Hon. DANIEL MOOKHEY: I refer to the Nous Group report that was handed to the Skills Board. What are the names of the 35 private providers that had contracts taken off them?

Mr JOHN BARILARO: Firstly, there may be commercial in confidence so I am not sure that I can name providers in this forum. We often suspend or cancel contracts but it is not always

about quality, sometimes they are just deregistered—they no longer exist. In some cases, they are suspended because there are some milestones or they are not meeting some of the framework, and we work with providers to get through that. I know that sometimes when we suspend contracts they end up getting reinstated. I am not sure that I can name the 35 private providers to which you refer in relation to the Nous Group report but I will take that on notice.

ANSWER

There is no reference to 35 providers having contracts taken off them in the Nous Group report and I am therefore unable to name them.

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Mr DAVID SHOEBRIDGE: In the spirit of lists, there were 27 non-TAFE providers that received \$1 million out of the \$122 million identified in the document which I provided to you earlier. Could you please provide the names of those on notice and whether or not any of the non-TAFE providers that received funding have since been deregistered or have become the subject of ACCC or Federal Police proceedings and, if so, what providers were they?

Mr JOHN BARILARO: We will take that on notice.

ANSWER

None of the providers receiving payment of over \$1 million have been deregistered by ASQA. I cannot comment on the existence or otherwise of proceedings taken by bodies outside of my Ministerial responsibility. The names of the non-TAFE providers that received over \$1 million in funding are:

- ASH Pty Ltd
- Acacia Group Ltd
- Applied Training Solutions Pty Ltd
- Australian College of Commerce & Management Pty Ltd
- Australian Retailers Association
- BSI Learning Institute Pty Ltd
- Benchmark Resources Pty Ltd
- Enterprise & Training Co Ltd
- Franklyn Scholar (Australia) Pty Ltd (previously TSA the Training Company)
- HGT Australia Ltd
- Illawarra Area Child Care Ltd
- Learning Sphere Training Solutions Pty Ltd
- Macquarie Employment Training Service Inc
- Masters in Building Training Pty Ltd
- McDonald's Australia Ltd
- NSW Department Industry, Skills & Regional Development (Department of Primary Industries, Tocal College)
- NSW Health
- Quality Training Co Pty Ltd ATF Finlayson Trust, The
- REACH for Training Pty Ltd
- Response Consulting Australia Pty Ltd
- Tactical Training Group Pty Ltd
- Train Australia Pty Ltd
- Training Specialists Australia Pty Ltd

- United World College Pty Ltd
- VERTO Ltd
- Vision Training Institute Pty Ltd
- Wise Education Group Pty Ltd ATF Wise Education Trust