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ECU AUQA Progress Report Updated November 2006

1. Overview

In June 2006 ECU submitted a Progress Report (available at <http://www.ecu.edu.au/equ/auqa.html>) to AUQA which outlined how the University addressed not only the Recommendations and Affirmations identified in the AUQA October 2004 “Report of an Audit of Edith Cowan University”, but also other ECU-identified Opportunities for Improvement. At that time there were a number of outstanding issues being investigated by the DVC (Research & Operations) which required additional validation and evidence. These issues have now been resolved.

2. Progress of Action Items

The strategies and actions within the Action Plan have been classified in terms of progress against identified action items. The following terms, to describe progress, have been employed in the Document:

- Completed – item has been fully actioned.
- Completed: Ongoing Implementation – item has been actioned and implementation is viewed as being longer-term in nature rather than restricted to the period following the AUQA Audit.
- Completed: Ongoing Monitoring – item has been actioned and will be monitored to ensure that benchmarks are maintained.
- Ongoing Investigation – item has been actioned by ECU as far as possible, however, there are broader sector-wide issues still need to be clarified.
- In Train – item requires additional action.

Of the 48 outcomes, which comprised 88 sub-actions, ECU has completed approximately 98% of initiatives to which it committed as illustrated in the table below, with the remaining 2 items (rated as low risk) to be completed shortly.

<i>STATUS</i>	<i>RISK RATING</i>			<i>TOTAL</i>	<i>%</i>
	<i>Low</i>	<i>Medium</i>	<i>Substantial</i>		
Completed	18	27	11	56	64%
Completed: Ongoing Implementation	4	12	6	22	25%
Completed: Ongoing Monitoring	1	6	0	7	8%
Ongoing Investigation	1	0	0	1	1%
In Train	2			2	2%
TOTAL	26	45	17	88	100%

3. Next Steps

Institutions have been informed that for the next cycle of AUQA Audits the audit scope will consider whether recommendations and affirmations in the last AUQA audit report have been implemented and the areas of commendation maintained. A sample of these will be selected by AUQA and evidence verified.

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