

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 19 November 2013

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(SE13/0236) PROGRAMME – 1.1: Visa and Migration

Senator Carr (Written) asked:

Can you indicate what percentage of the 1,030 (higher education institutions) are regarded by the Department of Immigration as low risk?

Answer:

The Department of Education advises that as at 19 November 2013, there are 1083 non-university providers that are registered in the Commonwealth Register of Institutions and Courses for Overseas Students (CRICOS).

At the time of determining eligibility to participate in the extended streamlined visa processing arrangements, a total of 97 non-university providers were registered in CRICOS to deliver bachelor, masters or doctoral degree courses to international students.

Of these providers, 22 (22.7 per cent) were determined to meet the low immigration risk criteria to participate in the extended streamlined visa processing arrangements. These criteria included the fact that the education provider must be associated with at least 100 active student visas in the Department of Immigration and Border Protection's systems.