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**QUESTION ON NOTICE
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Students recruited through agents

Question

Senator KIM CARR: I have also seen estimates that 63 per cent of students are recruited through agents, which is a little higher than what you are indicating. Can you check out whether or not that is the case? Can you take on notice the latest estimate?

Mr Griew: It would help to understand where.

Senator KIM CARR: Well, the Observatory on Borderless Higher Education is one source I am quoting here.

Mr Griew: We can take that on notice and check it out.

Answer

The Observatory on Borderless Higher Education's 2014 publication on agents states that 53 per cent of students are recruited through agents.

The International Student Survey 2014 released by the department states that in 2014, 50 per cent of higher education respondents reported agents as the major influence on their decision about where to study in Australia.