

**Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment - Education**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
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**Senator Carr asked on 14 November 2014 , Hansard page 46**

**Question**

***PRISMS system***

Senator KIM CARR: Yes. Does the PRISMS system still operate? Ms Baly: Yes, it does. Senator KIM CARR: And that is run by the department? Ms Baly: Yes. Senator KIM CARR: So you will be able to provide an understanding of enrolment patterns and attrition rates? Ms Baly: Yes, we can. Senator KIM CARR: Would you be able to find out how many students stayed with a particular provider through that mechanism? Ms Baly: I think we would be able to. We would certainly take it on notice. Senator KIM CARR: Please, if you would. And the percentages of how many students would stay with a particular provider, by state and by provider. Can you provide that information? Ms Baly: That provider? Senator KIM CARR: Yes, that particular provider.

**Answer**

The Provider Registration and International Student Management System (PRISMS) records enrolment information submitted by registered Commonwealth Register of Institutions and Courses for Overseas Students (CRICOS) institutions when a Confirmation of Enrolment (CoE) is offered to a prospective international student before a student visa is granted. Institutions also update PRISMS when students change courses or fail to comply with student visa requirements. PRISMS does not record the educational outcomes of the student, only that they have completed the period for which the CoE was granted. Therefore, completion rates or attrition rates cannot be directly measured by PRISMS as the data only indicates either that the student finished study for the period for which the CoE was for, or that there have been changes to the enrolment.