

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING : 23 February 2015

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(AE15/139) - Simplification of the skilled migration and temporary activity visa programmes – December 2014 - Programme 1.2 Visa and Citizenship (Administered)

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The DIBP Proposal Paper – Simplification of the skilled migration and temporary activity visa programmes – December 2014 – states: “The subclass 485 has been credited with the strong growth within the Higher Education sector with internal modelling predicting that subclass 485 visa holders could potentially exceed 200,000 by the 2017-18 programme year” (page 26).

•Based on this “internal modelling”:

- What percentage of current eligible student visa holders are expected to apply for a 485 visa?
- How long is the average period of stay expected for each 485 visa holder?
- What percentage of 485 visa holders are estimated to transition to another temporary visa when their 485 expires?
- What percentage of 485 visa holders are estimated to transition to a permanent visa when their 485 expires?
- What percentage of 485 visa holders are estimated to leave Australia when their 485 expires?

Answer:

1. What percentage of current eligible student visa holders are expected to apply for a 485 visa? 70 per cent.
2. How long is the average period of stay expected for each 485 visa holder? 18 months on the subclass 485 visa.
3. What percentage of 485 visa holders are estimated to transition to another temporary visa when their 485 expires? Not modelled.
4. What percentage of 485 visa holders are estimated to transition to a permanent visa when their 485 expires? Not modelled.
5. What percentage of 485 visa holders are estimated to leave Australia when their 485 expires? Not modelled.