

## QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

**ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING: 24 March 2017**

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

**(AE17/267) - Working on a student visa - Programme 2.3: Visas**

Senator Pratt, Louise (L&CA) written:

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How does the Department ensure students are complying with their visa conditions?

Are there any limits on the types of jobs student visa holders can take up?

*Answer:*

1. How many hours can a student visa holder work each week?

Once the student visa holder has commenced their course they are permitted to work a maximum of 40 hours per fortnight when their course is in session, and unlimited hours when their course is not in session. Exceptions to this apply for students studying postgraduate courses, who can work unlimited hours.

2. Does the Department require students to report where they are working?

No.

3. How does the Department ensure students are complying with their visa conditions?

The Department provides student visa holders with information about visa conditions in their visa grant letter and on our website at:

<http://www.border.gov.au/Trav/Stud/More/Visa-conditions/visa-conditions-students>

A student visa holder is also able to check their visa details and conditions using the online service: Visa Entitlement Verification Online at:

[http://www.border.gov.au/Busi/visas-and-migration/visa-entitlement-verification-online-\(vevo\)](http://www.border.gov.au/Busi/visas-and-migration/visa-entitlement-verification-online-(vevo))

The Department has a network of compliance officers who respond to allegations from various sources, including the public, where a person is suspected of breaching their visa conditions.

Compliance officers routinely conduct field visits to a broad range of industries to locate foreign nationals who are in breach of their visa conditions.

4. Are there any limits on the type of jobs student visa holders can take up?

Student visa holders may work in any capacity permitted by the law.