

## QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

### BUDGET ESTIMATES – 26 – 27 MAY 2014

#### IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

#### **(BE14/112) PROGRAMME – 1.3: Migration, Border Management and Citizenship**

Senator Carr (L&CA 83) asked:

Senator KIM CARR: But they do not. That is my point to you. As I understood your evidence, you are relying on a body that does not look at the issue of either those two matters. So who does?

Mr Fleming: I will have to confirm the advice we get from the different players.

Senator KIM CARR: Please do. My specific question: is Mr Nagle correct when he asserts that the criteria—that is your criteria—does not take into account either educational quality or financial stability?

Mr Fleming: That is correct; we are looking at immigration risk.

Senator KIM CARR: Who does take that into account?

Mr Fleming: I will have to confirm that on notice.

*Answer:*

Immigration risk is the key determining factor when considering eligibility to participate in streamlined visa processing (SVP). This is due to the fact that under SVP an education provider's prospective students are treated as though they are lower immigration risk.

Issues related to an education provider's delivery of education are considered as part of the assessment process through consultation with the Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency (TEQSA) and the Australian Skills Qualification Authority (ASQA) on the regulatory compliance history of each education provider that submits an application. This approach ensures that an education provider is not rewarded with access to SVP while at the same time addressing serious issues related to its delivery of education.

The policy guidelines which underpin the SVP arrangements also require participating SVP providers to meet ongoing criteria relating to regulatory compliance. For a copy of these guidelines see: [www.immi.gov.au/Business/Pages/education-providers/guidelines-education-provider-participation-svp-arrangements.aspx](http://www.immi.gov.au/Business/Pages/education-providers/guidelines-education-provider-participation-svp-arrangements.aspx)