

## **QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

### **BUDGET ESTIMATES – 26 – 27 MAY 2014**

#### **IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO**

##### **(BE14/334) PROGRAMME – 1.2: Visa and Citizenship**

Senator Carr (Written) asked:

Can the department please advise on and give details about the 19 of the 22 institutions invited to participate in the streamline visa processing programs in relation to student visas?

a. Why were there no TAFE providers in Western Australia or Queensland that met the immigration risk criteria?

*Answer:*

Details of the 19 approved non-university providers are available at the following link: <http://www.comlaw.gov.au/Details/F2014L00146>

a. TAFE institutions from Western Australia and Queensland were not invited to participate in the extended streamlined visa processing arrangements, introduced on 22 March 2014, as they were not registered to deliver bachelor, masters or doctoral degrees and thus did not meet the eligibility criteria for participation.