

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING : 25 May 2015

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(BE15/008) - Visa fraud - Programme 2.3: Visas

Senator Carr, Kim (L&CA 31) asked:

Senator KIM CARR: What is the level of document fraud across applications—by post? Can you provide that information to me?

Mr Pezzullo: And, did you say, by visa class?

Senator KIM CARR: Yes, and by visa class.

Mr Pezzullo: We will construct a tabular form of presentation for that data.

Senator KIM CARR: I am particularly interested in China. Obviously I am interested in your major posts. I am trying to establish whether there remains a pattern of fraud in specific areas. Is there still a problem in a particular locality?

Mr Williams: I will get what I can for you.

Senator KIM CARR: In regard to provision of that information, can you tell me how many incidents of fraud involve education agents?

Mr Williams: Yes, I will take that on notice.

Question:

Fraud events recorded by citizenship and by student visa subclass where an agent was nominated in the application. It is not possible to differentiate between Education Agent or Migration Agent involvement. Further, not all fraud events involving education agents are captured in this data set as applications may have been refused on other grounds, without specifically recording either the detection of document fraud or the involvement of an agent.

Fraud Events by Country of Citizenship where an Agent event is recorded for Student Visa Subclasses

Citizenship	Visa Subclass	Instances of fraud where an agent was recorded 2014-15 to 30/04/15
China, Peoples Republic of	573 Higher Education Sector	3
	571 Schools Sector	2
	572 Vocational Education and Training Sector	2
India	573 Higher Education Sector	24
	572 Vocational Education and Training Sector	19
Mauritius	572 Vocational Education and Training Sector	2
Brazil	572 Vocational Education and Training Sector	2
Sri Lanka	573 Higher Education Sector	2
Bangladesh	573 Higher Education Sector	2
Indonesia	572 Vocational Education and Training Sector	2
HKSAR of the PRC	570 Independent ELICOS Sector	1
Ireland, Republic of	573 Higher Education Sector	1
Taiwan	572 Vocational Education and Training Sector	1
Malaysia	572 Vocational Education and Training Sector	1
Czech Republic	570 Independent ELICOS Sector	1