QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING : 26 May 2015

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(BE15/091) - SVP Process - Programme 2.3: Visas

Senator Carr, Kim (L&CA 79) asked:

Senator KIM CARR: If you look back over the last year or so, how many of the student visa subclass have been granted through the SVP process versus the normal process?

Mr Williams: I am not sure I have the break-up between the two different processes.

Senator KIM CARR: Will you need to take that on notice?

 Mr Williams: Yes.

Senator KIM CARR: So there is a risk rating index, is there?

Mr Wilden: There is, yes.

Senator KIM CARR: Are you able to tell me in regard to the risk rating index the various trigger points?

Mr Wilden: The risk rating index is a way of designing a review of the program, how it is working and how the individuals are complying. There are a number of indices in there. On notice we could provide the detail of how that works, if you would like.

Senator KIM CARR: Yes, please.

Answer:

Table 1 The total number of student primary visas granted for subclasses 572 (VET sector), 573 (Higher Education sector), 574 (Postgraduate Research sector) and 575 (Non Award sector) under streamlined visa processing arrangements (SVP) and under the Assessment Level Framework (non SVP) by financial year.

Financial Year	SVP	Non SVP	Total
2014-15[1] to 31/05/15[2]	116,801	74,711	191,512
2013-14	135,729	24,400	160,129

Table 2 The total number of student primary visas granted for subclasses 572 (VET sector), 573 (Higher Education sector), 574 (Postgraduate Research sector) and 575 (Non Award sector) under SVP and under the Assessment Level Framework (non SVP) by calendar year.

Calendar Year	SVP	Non SVP	Total
2015 to 31/05/15	54,977	34,245	89,222
2014[3]	140,510	75,846	216,356

Information about triggers is available in the SVP guidelines at
www.border.gov.au/Busi/Educ/Stre

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[1] *Figures in 2014-15 are subject to variation*

[2] *For the financial year 2014-15 to 31/05/15, figures for subclass 572 visa grants are included from 1 July 2014 under the AL framework (non SVP) and from 22 November 2014 under SVP, the date at which advanced diploma VET level course became eligible for SVP.*

[3] *For the calendar year 2014, figures for subclass 572 visa grants are included from 1 January 2014 under the AL framework (non SVP) and from 22 November 2014 under SVP.*