

## QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

### BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING : 25 May 2015

#### IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

#### (BE15/142) - SVP Programme - Programme 2.3: Visas

Senator Carr, Kim (L&CA) written:

- In regards to student visa subclasses, please provide the number of visa's that have been granted via the SVP stream and outside of SVP stream for each financial year and calendar year since the introduction of streamlined visa processing.
- When was a review of the SVP program conducted?
- Who conducted the review?
- Who was involved in the review?
- Who was consulted?
- And what were the outcomes?
- What is the risk rating index?
- What are the "various indices" that make up or interact with the risk rating index?

Table 1 shows 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 financial year.

**Table 1**

<b>Financial Year</b>	<b>SVP</b>	<b>Non SVP</b>	<b>Total</b>
2014-15 <sup>1</sup> to 31/05/15 <sup>2</sup>	116,801	74,711	191,512
2013-14	135,729	24,400	160,129
2012-13	113,414	21,634	135,048
24/03/12 to 30/06/12	14,417	8,032	22,449

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<sup>1</sup> Figures in 2014-15 are subject to variation

<sup>2</sup> 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.

Table 2 shows the total number of student primary visas granted for subclasses 572, 573, 574 and 575 under SVP and under the Assessment Level Framework (non-SVP) by calendar year.

**Table 2**

Calendar Year	SVP	Non SVP	Total
2015 to 31/05/15	54,977	34,245	89,222
2014 <sup>3</sup>	140,510	75,846	216,356
2013	123,409	24,293	147,702
2012	61,465	18,620	80,085

An evaluation of SVP was conducted in late 2014, by the Department.

Members of the Education Visa Consultative Committee, including education peak bodies, state and territory governments and relevant Australian Government agencies were consulted in the review.

The outcomes of the review are contained in the *Future directions for streamlined visa processing: report and recommendations*, publicly released on 16 June 2015.

The report and recommendations can be viewed on the Department of Immigration and Border Protection website at:

<http://www.border.gov.au/ReportsandPublications/Documents/reviews-and-inquiries/future-directions.pdf#search=future%20directions>

- *What is the risk rating index?*

The risk rating index is a statistical analysis that is used to determine immigration risk under SVP and the AL framework.

- *What are the "various indices" that make up or interact with the risk rating index?*

Link to Guidelines for University Participation in SVP Arrangements:

[www.border.gov.au/Busi/Educ/Stre/Guidelines-for-university-participation-in-streamlined-visa-processing-arrangements](http://www.border.gov.au/Busi/Educ/Stre/Guidelines-for-university-participation-in-streamlined-visa-processing-arrangements)

Link to Guidelines for Education Provider Participation in SVP Arrangements:

[www.border.gov.au/Busi/Educ/Stre/Guidelines-for-education-provider-participation-in-streamlined-visa-processing-arrangements](http://www.border.gov.au/Busi/Educ/Stre/Guidelines-for-education-provider-participation-in-streamlined-visa-processing-arrangements)

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<sup>3</sup> 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.