

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES – 20 OCTOBER 2014

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(SE14/007) PROGRAMME – OMARA

Senator Bilyk (L&CA 22-23) asked:

Senator BILYK: Yes. How do agents, once they are registered, maintain their registration?

Mr Ingram: There is a requirement of continuing professional development. In the first year of practice, that is largely covered by that Practice Ready Program I mentioned. After that first year, the continuing professional development requires them to obtain 10 points, and the points relate to seminars, workshops and conferences.

Senator BILYK: Are they accredited seminars and conferences, or are they just any seminars and conferences they might want to attend?

Mr Ingram: They are specified courses that are approved by the authority.

Senator BILYK: Is it possible to get a list of those as well, on notice?

Mr Ingram: Yes. There are about 400 of them.

Answer:

The accredited seminars and conferences are publicly available via the MARA website <https://www.mara.gov.au/becoming-an-agent/professional-development/search-for-upcoming-cpd/>