

## **QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

### **SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING : 19 October 2015**

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

#### **(SE15/109) - 485 Post study Work Visa - Programme 2.3: Visas**

Senator Carr, Kim (L&CA) written:

- 485 post study work visas – Why has take-up been limited on this visa?
  - o In a previously discussion paper, there was the expectation that up to 200,000 visas could be granted by 2017-18 yet growth has been much more limited; is this a function of lack of demand?
  - o Are the people who the Department thought would take this visa going onto other visas?

*Answer:*

- The Post Study Work stream of the Temporary Graduate (subclass 485) visa is available to those graduates who lodged their first student visa application after the introduction of the Genuine Temporary Entrant (GTE) criterion on 5 November 2011.
- Lodgements and grants in this stream are increasing over time as more students become eligible.