

## QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

### SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING : 17 October 2016

#### IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

#### (SE16/095) - Streamlined Visa Processing operations - Programme 2.3: Visas

Senator Carr, Kim (L&CA) written:

1. In the period of time that SVP was in operation how many providers were removed from the list?

- a. Who?
  - b. On what dates?
  - c. And for what cause?
2. How many warnings were issued?
- a. To who?
  - b. On what date?
  - c. And for what reason?

1. Streamlined Visa Processing arrangements commenced in 2011 and ceased on 1 July 2016 with the implementation of the Simplified Student Visa Framework. The Department removed four providers from the published legislative instrument (one in August 2015 and three in January 2016). The providers who were removed were:
- St Stephens Institute of Education Pty Ltd
  - Australian Institute of Professional Education Pty Ltd
  - Melbourne Institute of Training and Technology Pty Ltd
  - Metro College of Technology Pty Ltd.

These providers were removed as they failed to meet Ongoing Assessment Criteria set out in the Guidelines for Education Provider Participation in Streamlined Visa Processing Arrangements (the Guidelines) which are available at [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).

2. The Department also issued 22 formal warnings to providers:
- Two warnings were issued in April 2013
  - Two warnings were issued in April 2015
  - Eighteen warnings were issued in October 2015.

Warnings are issued according to the Guidelines (please see section – Receipt of Assessment Level of AL3 – paragraph 89). The most common reason the Department issued a warning was because the provider failed to maintain an acceptable immigration risk rating.