

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 21 FEBRUARY 2011

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(42) Program 1.1: Visa and Migration

Senator Cash (L&C 44 and Written) asked:

Has the Department conducted any analysis to determine the cost to Australia as a consequence of the decline in Indian students attending colleges and Universities in Australia?

Answer:

The Department has received representations from student industry organisations including the Australian Council for Private Education and Training, which has included estimates of the cost to Australia as a consequence of the decline of all students (not just Indian students). The Department has met with these student industry organisations in order to better understand how these estimates were derived, but has not conducted any of its own analysis on this issue.