

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 21 FEBRUARY 2011

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(57) Program 1.1: Visa and Migration

Senator Cash asked:

1) How many onshore applications for student visas were made in the 2009/10 financial year by subclass and in the year to date? 2) What was the refusal rate for applications in those periods for each subclass? 3) How many visas were granted? In which subclasses? How does this compare with 2007-08 and 2008-09?

Answer:

1) The number of onshore¹ applications for Student visas lodged in 2009/10 and 2010-11 to 28 February 2011 is in the table below.

Subclass	2009-10	2010-11 to 28/02/11 ²
570-ELICOS	10 093	6 252
571-Schools	2 208	1 167
572-Vocational Education and Training	47 269	35 340
573-Higher Education	51 364	38 627
574-Postgraduate Research	3 913	2 692
575-Non Award	1 032	659
576-AusAID/Defence	435	428
Total	116 314	85 165

Source: Department of Immigration and Citizenship, 2011.
Note 1: Onshore figure excludes permission to work and change of provider applications.
Note 2: Data for 2010-11 is provisional only.

2) The refusal rates¹ of onshore² Student visa applications in 2009-10 and 2010 – 11 to 28 February 2011 is in the table below.

Subclass	2009-10	2010-11 to 28/02/11 ³
570-ELICOS	2.17	2.38
571-Schools	5.37	3.85
572-Vocational Education and Training	5.45	7.78
573-Higher Education	2.60	2.90
574-Postgraduate Research	0.91	0.81
575-Non Award	5.31	3.21
576-AusAID/Defence	6.17	1.92

Source: Department of Immigration and Citizenship, 2011.

Note 1: A refusal rate is defined as: $(\text{number of refusals}/\text{number of decisions}) \times 100$ where the number of decisions equals the number of grants + the number of refusals.

Note 2: Onshore figure excludes permission to work and change of provider applications.

Note 3: Data for 2010-11 is provisional only.

3) The number of onshore¹ visas granted between 2007-08 and 2010-11 to 28 February 2011 is in the table below. Please note that, in any given program year, the number of Student visa applications that have been lodged will not correlate directly to the number of visas granted because people who are granted visas in a particular program year may have lodged their applications in a different program year.

Subclass	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11 to 28/02/2011 ²
570-ELICOS	5 081	7 573	9 913	5 872
571-Schools	2 225	2 255	2 186	848
572-Vocational Education and Training	27 985	34 908	43 887	30 668
573-Higher Education	39 381	43 131	50 294	31 080
574-Postgraduate Research	2 894	3 076	3 929	2 333
575-Non Award	1 655	1 085	999	573
576-AusAID/Defence	546	416	380	307
Total	79 767	92 444	111 588	71 681

Source: Department of Immigration and Citizenship, 2011.

Note 1: Onshore figure excludes permission to work and change of provider applications.

Note 2: Data for 2010-11 is provisional only.