

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

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IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(34) Output 1.1: Migration and Temporary Entry

Senator Crossin (L&CA 45) asked:

In relation to student visas, how are we going with the percentage of the total in terms of breaches and people being detected? Provide the percentage that get their visas cancelled or breach. I would like to know what happened to them. There are those that get detained, there are those who just get sent off and there are those that manage to find their way back to safety, as it were. I am interested in the average length of detention for students as well and maybe a country breakdown on those who do not meet the visa conditions.

Answer:

1. In the period 1 July 2006 to 31 March 2007, there were 5,392 student visas cancelled. This equates to 3.19% of all student visas granted in the period. We do not hold detailed statistics on the outcomes of student visa cancellations. Top 10 countries for student visa cancellation rates are given in the table below:

Top 10 Countries for Student Visa Cancellation Rates: 2006-07 (July-March)

Passport Held	2006-07 (Jul-Mar) Cancellation Rate (%)
Fiji	15.77
Qatar	9.80
Kuwait	8.97
Singapore	8.73
United Arab Emirates	8.68
Zambia	8.30
Greece	8.00
Sweden	6.84
Brunei Darussallam	6.77
Zimbabwe	6.63
Russian Federation	6.41

2. As at 1 June 2007, there were 21 people in immigration detention who held student visas as the last valid visa before being detained. Of these 21 people, four people were detained for less than one week, two people were detained for between one week and four weeks, five people were detained for between four and twelve weeks, one person was detained for between twelve weeks and 26 weeks, three people were detained for between 26 and 52 weeks, and six people were detained for more than 52 weeks.