

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 19 OCTOBER 2010

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(181) Program 1.1: Visa and Migration

Senator Cash asked:

In relation to the efforts surrounding the decoupling of migration and education policies the number of migration agents acting as education agents please provide an update on the status of this policy.

Answer:

In Australia, responsibility for the regulation of migration agents sits with the Office of the Migration Agents Registration Authority (OMARA). The OMARA does not regulate the activities of non-Australian agents practicing offshore. Any regulation of education agents is the responsibility of the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR). Questions about the regulation of education agents should be directed to DEEWR.