

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 19 November 2013

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(SE13/0021) PROGRAMME – 1.1: Visa and Migration

Senator Carr (L&CA 51) asked:

Senator CARR: Are you able to tell me how many non-university providers are actually operating at the moment? Mr Fleming: No. I would have to take that on notice. I do not have an exact number. Senator CARR: Can you indicate what percentage of that 1.030 are regarded by the department of immigration as low risk? Mr Fleming: I can take that on notice. Senator CARR: Have they (i.e. the Australian Skills Quality Authority (ASQA) and the Tertiary Education Quality Standards Agency (TEQSA)) been consulted in regard to the selection of the 22 institutions? Mr Fleming: I understand so. I will confirm.

Answer:

As at 13 December 2013, there are 1062 non-university providers that are registered in the Commonwealth Register of Institutions and Courses for Overseas Students (CRICOS).

At the time of determining eligibility to participate in the extended streamlined visa processing arrangements, a total of 97 non-university providers were registered in CRICOS to deliver bachelor, masters or doctoral degree courses to international students.

Of these providers, 22 (22.7 per cent) were determined to meet the low immigration risk criteria to participate in the extended streamlined visa processing arrangements. These criteria included the fact that the education provider must be associated with at least 100 active student visas in the Department of Immigration and Border Protection's systems.

Both ASQA and TEQSA have been consulted in the development of the extended streamlined visa processing arrangements and are participating in the assessment panel that will consider opt-in applications.