

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 19 November 2013

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(SE13/0233) PROGRAMME – 1.1: Visa and Migration

Senator Carr (Written) asked:

Can you please confirm the accuracy of the article that appeared in the Australian on November 1 2013 (No streamlined visas for sub-degrees)? What are the 22 institutions invited to apply for the streamlined visa processing?

Answer:

The article that appeared in *The Australian* on 1 November 2013, entitled ‘No streamlined visa for sub-degrees’ correctly outlines that the Government has no current plans to extend streamlined visa processing to courses below degree level.

Due to commercial sensitivities, the names of the 22 institutions invited to participate in streamlined visa processing will not be made public until after the invitation and assessment process is complete. The Department of Immigration and Border Protection anticipates that this process will conclude by end March 2014.