

## **QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 19 November 2013**

**IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO**

**(SE13/0234) PROGRAMME – 1.1: Visa and Migration**

Senator Carr (Written) asked:

Given the revised methodology, what is the revised risk level of registered CRICOS providers?

*Answer:*

The revised methodology which is outlined in the Review of the Student Visa Assessment Level Framework 2013, released by the government on 29 October 2013, relates to the process of setting Assessment Levels for countries.

The eligibility criteria for participation in the extended streamlined visa processing arrangements did however include a component that was based upon this methodology. To be eligible to participate in the extended streamlined visa processing arrangements, a non-university education provider must meet all of the following criteria:

- be registered to deliver bachelor, masters or doctoral degree courses to international students; and
- achieve a lower immigration risk rating equivalent to Assessment Level (AL)1 or AL2; and
- is associated with at least 100 active student visas.

At the time of assessment, 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 achieved a lower immigration risk rating equivalent to AL1 or AL2 and were associated with at least 100 active student visas.