QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 19 November 2013

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(SE13/0296) PROGRAMME – 1.1: Visa and Migration

Senator Carr (Written) asked:

What measures are in place to ensure students comply with visa conditions? • How many staff (FTE) are dedicated to this purpose?

Answer:

The Department manages this via an intelligence led and risk basis based on education, audit and targeted cancellation activity in line with the Departmental Compliance Strategy 2012-2015. A majority of resources are focussed on targeted cancellation activity particularly in resolving the status of those students who had disengaged from their study path and either did not enrol or have become non-enrolled and represented a high risk to the Student Visa Program. There are 33.3 FTE dedicated to these activities.