

**Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment - Education**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
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**Question**

***Retention rates per provider registered on CRICOS***

Senator KIM CARR: Yes. So can I get a list of the retention rates per provider registered on CRICOS? Mr Griew: Just to be clear, you mean the number of students who complete courses that they start? Senator KIM CARR: Yes. Mr Griew: The proportion? Senator KIM CARR: Yes. Mr Griew: So it is a completion rate? Senator KIM CARR: Yes. Ms Baly: It is actually quite a big job, Senator— Mr Griew: Yes, we will take that on notice. Ms Baly: There are many, many providers of education to international students. So if you are able to narrow it down it would be an easier task. Senator KIM CARR: CRICOS registered students. Surely PRISMS gives you summary documents? Ms Paul: It will be all the universities, et cetera. Ms Baly: There are 70-odd higher education providers registered on CRICOS and there are many more vocational providers and these sound like they would be vocational providers. Senator KIM CARR: And there is no standard summary provided through the PRISMS system? Ms Baly: I do not think it is provided in that form. Ms Paul: Why don't we take it on notice—we know what you are interested in; we will certainly look at it for that particular provider if that is one of your interests? Senator KIM CARR: Yes.

**Answer**

Institutions which provide education to international students while on a student visa must be registered on the Commonwealth Register of Institutions and Courses for Overseas Students (CRICOS). The businesses in question, ISS Australia and First Education Consultants, are not registered on CRICOS. The Provider Registration and International Student Management System (PRISMS) only holds enrolment information for registered CRICOS institutions.