

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING : 08 February 2016

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(AE16/161) - Monitoring of providers for immigration and employment rorting - Programme 2.3: Visas

Senator Carr, Kim (L&CA) written:

The department has provided information indicating that you worked jointly with the Australian Federal Police and ASQA to take action against St Stephen Institute of Technology Pty Ltd (SE15/62,63,64). Have you established a formal task force or similar structure with those agencies and other agencies to monitor providers, looking for similar rorting of student visas? Can you provide details of this?

Answer:

Organised criminal exploitation of the visa system is an ABF operational priority and the Department and Australian Border Force routinely cooperate with other agencies in the investigation and prosecution of illegal activities.