

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES – 26 – 27 MAY 2014

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(BE14/096) PROGRAMME – 1.3: Migration, Border Management and Citizenship

Senator Carr (L&CA 75) asked:

Senator KIM CARR: So it is called the assessment level?

Mr Fleming: It give you a score and we then can work out whether to give them assessment level 1, 2 or 3. We only use three levels now—or exempt, which is effectively what streamlining is.

Senator KIM CARR: If you are a low-risk provider, what number do you have to secure?

Mr Fleming: The actual formula does not give you the numbers 1, 2 or 3; they are just the categories that we sort people into. I would have to take on notice the particular numbers from the formula that translate to the assessment levels.

Answer:

Under streamlined visa processing, education providers are attributed an immigration risk rating based on the following benchmarks:

AL1 – Risk index less than 1

AL2 – Risk index between 1 and 2.70

AL3 – Risk index more than 2.70.

The risk index is determined through a statistical analysis of the immigration outcomes of the international students that are linked to that education provider. The statistical analysis considers:

- the rate at which visas have been cancelled (30 per cent weighting);
- the rate at which visas have been refused due to fraud where the applicant lodged overseas (40 per cent weighting);
- the rate at which visas have been refused due to other reasons not associated with fraud where the applicant lodged overseas (10 per cent weighting); and
- the rate of students becoming unlawful non-citizens (20 per cent weighting).