

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING : 19 October 2015

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(SE15/064) - St Stephen - Programme 2.3: Visas

Senator Carr, Kim (L&CA 133) asked:

Senator KIM CARR: Was St Stephen invited to apply for SVP status?

Mr Wilden: Again, I would have to take that on notice.

Senator KIM CARR: What was the date of their application and what was the date of their approval?

Mr Wilden: I will come back to you.

Senator KIM CARR: And how were they assessed to be eligible? Can you tell me how many students went through this particular RTO and could you provide that on a yearly basis?

Mr Wilden: From when they first commenced as an SVP?

Senator KIM CARR: Yes. I presume they would still have provided visas on the non-SVP stream. There would have had to have been some assessments.

Mr Wilden: We will have to check that.

Senator KIM CARR: Thank you. I would like a breakdown.

Mr Wilden: We will provide the breakdown from when they commenced and under both streams SVP and non-SVP assuming they have both those categories.

Answer:

St Stephen Institute of Technology Pty Ltd was invited to apply to become an eligible provider in July 2014. St Stephen Institute of Technology Pty Ltd was approved to participate in streamlined visa processing arrangements from 23 November 2014.

St Stephen Institute of Technology Pty Ltd met the requirements to enter into the arrangements outlined in the guidelines available at www.border.gov.au/Busi/Educ/Stre.

From 23 November 2014 until their removal from the arrangements on 15 August 2015, Departmental data showed five applications were processed under the streamlined visa processing arrangements for St Stephen Institute of Technology Pty Ltd.

The below table shows the number of primary student visas granted in the last three years to students who submitted a confirmation of enrolment from St Stephen Institute of Technology Pty Ltd. Where more than one confirmation of enrolment is recorded, the education provider is based on the highest course level.

Education Provider Name	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
St Stephen Institute of Education Pty Ltd	151	91	50

Note 1: Excludes Foreign Affairs or Defence Sector visa (subclass 576) as no confirmation of enrolment is required.

Note 2: Excludes student visas granted where a letter of offer was submitted.

Note 3: Excludes student visa holders who transferred to study at these providers but did not apply for a new student visa.