

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2005-2006 BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING

Outcome: 3

Output Group: 3.3 – Support for the Australian education and training export industry and international relationships.

DEST Question No. E275_06

Senator Carr provided in writing.

Question:

Have you checked the latest figures for QUT, Central Queensland University, James Cook University and Murdoch University – the high ones listed last year in the table provided by DIMIA?

Answer:

Visa cancellation rates

With regard to student visa cancellation data for the CRICOS registered providers mentioned above, the following information was supplied to DEST by DIMIA:

“The information regarding cancellations for individual providers that was previously supplied to Senator Carr included cancellations for breach of visa condition, as well as cancellations for administrative reasons such as finishing courses early. DIMIA's reporting mechanisms are unable to drill down into only breach of condition cancellations for individual providers and for this reason, the cancellations previously provided are not indicative and it would be unfair to individual providers to draw assumptions from them. Until DIMIA's systems can provide breach of cancellation numbers neither DEST nor DIMIA can undertake analysis.”

Overall visa cancellation rate data supplied to DEST by DIMIA is as follows;

There were 8,245 student visas cancelled for 2003/04 and 6,165 student visas cancelled for 2004/05 as at 31 March 2005. Comparing visa cancellations against visa grants for 2003-04 the proportion of cancellations was 4.6% and in 2004-05 as at 31 March 2005 this figure remained unchanged. Please note that these figures include cancellations for breach of visa condition and also administrative cancellations.