

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING: 13 FEBRUARY 2012

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(AE12/0202) Program 1.1: Migration and Visa

Senator Cash asked:

Education Visa Consultative Committee (EVCC): How will the stakeholders go about sharing information as a group regarding emerging trends in the education sector that may impact on student visas and share information on operational initiatives regarding student visas?

Answer:

The Education Visa Consultative Committee (EVCC) meets quarterly and additional meetings may be convened. Meetings provide the opportunity for discussion of emerging trends and issues in the international education sector and operational aspects of the student visa program. Meeting action items are recorded, circulated and monitored. Members may nominate agenda items and may contact the department directly to raise issues or seek information. In addition, the EVCC secretariat circulates relevant information regarding student visas to representatives.