QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES - 25 FEBRUARY 2014

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(AE14/207) PROGRAMME – 1.1: Visa and Migration

Senator Carr (Written) asked:

How many institutions have been invited to apply for the streamlined processing? Who are they? (This information was not to hand at the November estimates hearing) Secretary Bowles advised previous estimates that 22 invitations had gone out however no one had accepted yet.

Has this changed? Has anyone accepted?

Answer:

Twenty-two non-university higher education providers were invited to participate in streamlined visa processing (SVP) arrangements. Following the invitation and assessment process, 19 providers have been approved to access SVP from 22 March 2014.

Details of the 19 approved non-university providers are available at the following link: http://www.comlaw.gov.au/Details/F2014L00146