

## **QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 30 October 2006**

IMMIGRATION AND MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO

### **(102) Output 1.1: Migration and Temporary Entry**

Senator Bartlett asked:

Can a breakdown be provided for the approval and refusal rates for the different student visa classes from each overseas post?

*Answer:*

The approval and refusal rates for student visas for each overseas post or overseas processing office in the 2004-05 and 2005-06 programme years is attached.

It should be noted that Adelaide Offshore Student Processing Centre (AOSPC) receives and processes all student visa applications from PRC citizens in mainland China (excluding Hong Kong SAR and Macau SAR) and New Zealand. In addition, all offshore internet-lodged student visa applications from Indian nationals are also lodged and processed at AOSPC.

It should be noted that Perth Offshore Student Processing Centre (POSPC) receives and processes all internet lodged offshore student visa applications from Assessment Level 1 countries (see attached form 1219i - Overseas Student Program – Assessment Levels). All Internet-lodged applications from Indonesian and Thai students are also received and processed at POSPC.

Therefore, the approval and refusal rates for applications processed in Adelaide and Perth Offshore Processing Centres are also provided.