

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

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IMMIGRATION AND MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO

(204) Output 1.3: Enforcement of Immigration Law

Senator Nettle asked:

I want to ask about the enforcement of student visas. There was a case last year in the Federal Court where some criticism was made about the enforcement of student visas. The committee inquiring into the Migration Act also heard criticism on this. Have there been any changes in the way in which student visas were being enforced, to bring in any more discretionary warnings, rather than what was described in the Federal Court last year as heavy-handed tactics?

Answer:

There have been no legislative changes to provide for discretionary warnings regarding possible breaches of student visa conditions.