

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

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IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

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Senator Ellison (L&CA 78) asked:

There has been some press on this over the last few months, about students not being involved in studying and working, because of the lucrative situation that we have been in with the demand for labour and skilled labour. Does this department have any statistics on this? It is a bit similar to the question I asked you on the 457s.

Answer:

For the financial year 2007-2008, 2,053 students were reported by their education provider for not meeting the attendance requirement of 80% of scheduled classes. Of these, 688 had their visas cancelled.

A further 181 Student visas were cancelled for breaches of work conditions during 2007-2008.