

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 19 OCTOBER 2010**

**IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO**

**(31) Program 1.1: Visa and Migration**

Senator Cash (L&CA No. 40) asked:

- (1) What was the refusal rate for offshore student applications made in 2009-10?
- (2) How many visas were granted? In which sub-classes?
- (3) How does this compare to 2007-08 and 2008-09?

*Answer:*

**Offshore Student Visa grants and Refusals by Subclass**

<b>Visa Subclass</b>	<b>2007-08</b>			<b>2008-09</b>			<b>2009-10</b>		
	Visa grants	Refusals	Refusal Rate	Visa grants	Refusals	Refusal Rate	Visa grants	Refusals	Refusal Rate
570-ELICOS	25 464	1 245	4.55%	29 148	2 606	8.04%	25 348	2 916	10.15%
571-Schools	14 751	2 779	15.52%	11 931	2 919	19.30%	10 276	1 352	11.38%
572-VET	40 397	5 047	10.90%	69 156	12 746	15.17%	28 055	20 438	39.90%
573-Higher Education	90 746	5 321	5.45%	90 859	7 070	7.10%	68 247	6 592	8.66%
574-PGR	4 041	148	3.42%	5 278	190	3.38%	5 372	171	3.00%
575-'Non Award	19 043	116	0.60%	17 887	190	1.04%	17 141	236	1.35%
576-AusAID	3 975	21	0.49%	3 665	43	1.10%	3 801	21	0.53%
Grand Total	198 417	14 677	6.76%	227 924	25 764	9.95%	158 240	31 726	16.26%