Inquiry into referred 2017–18 Annual and Financial Reports

ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Asked by Miss Lee MLA:

In relation to: International students page 97

1. For each primary and secondary school and college:
   a. How many international students are enrolled:
      i. As full fee paying students
      ii. As fee exempt students
      iii. In another category?

2. What is the classification of school visa subclass 500?

3. Who determines into what category a student is placed, in respect of fees?

4. Who determines the level of fee charged?

5. What is the total of annual fees charged for International students for each of years 2016, 2017 and 2018?

6. For fee exempt students who require additional English language support through an IEC, what additional costs are involved and who meets those costs?

Yvette Berry MLA: The answer to the Member’s question is as follows:–

1. The total number of international full fee-paying students across primary, secondary and college as at 21 November 2018 is 696.

   The total number of fee exemptions processed for the 2018 school year across primary, secondary and college as at 21 November 2018 is 435.

2. According to the Department of Home Affairs, the classification of a visa subclass 500 visa is a Studying and Training visa.

3. The Education Directorate applies a fees policy when considering whether fees are to apply.

4. The Education Directorate charges tuition fees to holders of temporary visas on a cost recovery basis. These fees are calculated based on the actual cost of educating a student in an ACT
government school for the preschool, primary school, high school and college sectors, for a calendar year. I am currently reviewing the policy to make sure visa classes are appropriately treated and vulnerable families are appropriately supported under the policy.

5. The Education Directorate collects this data on a financial year basis

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6. These costs are transferred to the Intensive English Centre by the student’s enrolling school and are covered by the student’s international fee-paying student tuition fees.

No additional costs are charged to parents.