

REGIONAL SPONSORED MIGRATION SCHEME — INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

301. Mr S.K. L'ESTRANGE to the Minister for Small Business:

I have a supplementary question. Will the minister table in Parliament the data and advice he has received in relation to the answer to this question?

Mr P. PAPALIA replied:

With respect to the drop-off in international student numbers since the Barnett government was responsible, what the Premier pointed out to me was that the decision regarding skilled migration was made by the Prime Minister subsequent to the Premier's announcement. It was the Prime Minister who made the decision, because it is a federal requirement.

Several members interjected.

The SPEAKER: Members! Leader of the Opposition and Premier, I know that you two get on very well together, but not in question time. Minister, wind it up, please.

Mr P. PAPALIA: What I was going to say is that with respect to the claim that was made—have I received any briefing note for analysis of international student numbers —

Mrs L.M. Harvey interjected.

The SPEAKER: Deputy Leader of the Opposition, I call you to order for the first time. This is not a debate.

Mr P. PAPALIA: Post any announcement by the state government regarding skilled migration, I have not received, as I recall, any briefing notes in that regard. If I find them—I will have a look and determine whether any were sent to me, but as far as I recall, there has not been any coming to me.