

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT VISAS

218. Mr D.C. NALDER to the Minister for Tourism:

I refer to the disappointing international student visa figures since the implementation of this government's skilled migration policy. Could the minister please confirm that the number of international students visas has collapsed six per cent in the last 10 months, compared with growth of seven per cent nationally, and please explain why that is the case?

Mr P. PAPALIA replied:

Yet again the member opposite is asking me a question of a portfolio that I do not hold. International students are the responsibility of the Minister for Education and Training and the Premier. The Premier is the person to whom the member should pose the question if he wants an answer on percentages and a change in the market.