

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT VISAS

**219. Mr D.C. NALDER to the Minister for Tourism:**

I have a supplementary question. I am getting a bit confused because I thought you were a minister. But can the minister confirm the commonwealth Department of Home Affairs figures that there have been zero state-sponsored skilled migration visas nominated in Western Australia, compared with 9 000 nationally, so far this financial year; and, does the minister accept that his government's decision on migration policy is the reason international students are bypassing Western Australia and going to other states?

**Mr P. PAPALIA replied:**

Not only am I not responsible for the international student portfolio, but also I am not responsible for the federal government and the federal minister that has been quoted. I cannot help the member. If he wants to find out, why not ask his fellow colleagues in Canberra?

**The SPEAKER:** That is the end of question time.