

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING : 17 October 2016

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(SE16/060) - Fast-track - average time - Programme 2.4: Refugee and Humanitarian Assistance

Senator McKim, Nick (L&CA) written:

Can the Department provide statistics on the average time from the lodgement of claim to a final decision on 'fast-track processing'?

Answer:

The Department is rigorously assessing all applications on their individual merits against the requirements in the *Migration Act 1958*, using the most current and relevant country of origin information. The assessment includes national security, health and identity checks. The processing time varies significantly from case to case and is affected by characteristics such as:

- the number of applicants;
- the age of applicants;
- time taken for applicants to respond to requests for information; and
- character and health requirements.