

## QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

### BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 21-22 MAY 2012

#### IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

#### **(BE12/0176) Program 1.1: Visa and Migration**

Senator Cash (L&CA 37) asked:

How many onshore applications have there been in 2011-12 in total, broken down by visa category? How many onshore grants for permanent residents have been made in 2011-12 by visa category? What visa did onshore applicants previously hold?

*Answer:*

The total number of onshore applications in the 2011-12 program year to end of May is 77 098, comprising:

- 53 400 skill stream applications;
- 23 265 family stream applications; and
- 433 special eligibility applications.

Further detail by visa category is provided in Attachment A – Lodgements Sheet

The total number of onshore grants made under the 2011-12 program to the end of May is 76 513, comprising:

- 58 297 skill stream grants;
- 17 701 family stream grants; and
- 515 special eligibility stream grants.

Further detail by visa category is provided in Attachment A – Grants Sheet

The breakdown of the major visas held by onshore applicants prior to a permanent visa grant made in 2011-12 was:

- skill stream
  - subclass 457 – business long stay (28 717 grants);
  - subclass 573 – higher education (9762 grants);
  - subclass 485 – skilled graduate (8369 grants); and
  - subclass 572 – vocational education & training (4597 grants).
- family stream
  - subclass 572 – vocational education & training (2964 grants);
  - subclass 573 – higher education (2928 grants);
  - subclass 976 – ETA tourist (2209 grants); and
  - subclass 676 – visitor visa (1852 grants).

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