

COMMITTEE INQUIRY QUESTION

(Question No.1)

Senator the Honourable Eric Abetz asked the Department of Defence, upon notice, on 15 November 2021:

Does the certification of the applicant mean that the various Ministers actually grant the LEE visas?

Mr Cowan: Once the relevant Department receives the application it goes to the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade, then to Home Affairs for processing, then immigration. -

Senator the Hon Eric Abetz: Can you take a notice for us? What percentage of liabilities went to Defence related applicants? Home Affairs related applicants, and to Defence related applicants.

Mr Cowan: We certify the applicants sent by other agencies.

Mr Cowan: About 20%

The Department of Defence has provided the following answer to the Honourable Senator's question:

Defence has no means of accurately determining what proportion of overall visas went to Defence applicants, as we have no visibility of visa applications after certification. These are handled by Home Affairs. We estimate around 75 per cent of applicants for certification came to Defence.

COMMITTEE INQUIRY QUESTION

(Question No.2)

Senator the Honourable Eric Abetz asked the Department of Defence, upon notice, on 15 November 2021:

Senator the Hon Eric Abetz: You may have heard an earlier witness this morning made allegations against you as to the veracity of your evidence before parliamentary committee and you might want to respond to that or you may like to take this on notice?

Gen. Campbell: I'll take this on notice.

The Department of Defence has provided the following answer to the Honourable Senator's question:

I have answered parliamentary committee questions truthfully.