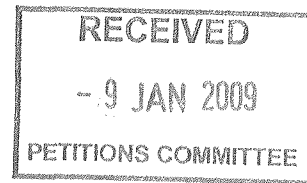


QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

PETITIONS COMMITTEE 22 OCTOBER 2008

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO



Mr Simpkins asked:

Of the 3, 900 normal protection visa applicants, how many would be the subject of this petition?

Answer:

In 2006-07, the proportion of initial protection visa applicants who did not apply within 45 days of arrival is estimated at around 36 per cent. In 2007-08, the proportion is estimated at around 40 per cent.

This information is based on DIAC systems data as at 17 October 2008.