

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING : 08 February 2016

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(AE16/053) - Legacy Caseload average times - Programme 2.3: Visas

Senator Hanson-Young, Sarah (L&CA 86/87) asked:

Senator HANSON-YOUNG: Sorry—let me be very specific. I am talking about this group of people. I do not think we need to be cute about saying that people are about to depart. Let us be really clear about this group of 30,500 people.

Ms Dunn: Yes. It depends on the circumstances of the people involved, and it can be from a very short period to quite an extended period, for example, if they are currently at judicial review. There is no way that I can answer that question. I could take it on notice and come back to give you an idea of the average or the range or whatever you would prefer.

Senator HANSON-YOUNG: I would like the average time and the range—the shortest and the longest periods of validity of the bridging visas for the case load group that have been granted.

Answer:

As at 29 January 2016, for IMAs living in the community on a BVE (based on the latest BVE grant):

- The shortest length of time for which a BVE was granted was one day.
- The longest length of time for which a BVE was granted was 1156 days.
- The average length of time for which a BVE was granted was 328 days.
- Additionally around 4000 IMAs have a BVE in effect with no expiry date, because it is linked to a substantive visa application outcome.