

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING : 08 February 2016

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(AE16/073) - Total amount of money paid for visa applications - Programme 2.3: Visas

Senator Bilyk, Catryna (L&CA 108) asked:

Senator BILYK: Are you able to provide the total amount of money paid for visa applications currently on hand?

Mr Williams: We do have the total amount, as I understand it, under the visa program. The chief financial officer might have the number. I thought it was \$1.8 billion.

Mr Pezzullo: Senator, are you talking about all visa categories?

Senator BILYK: Yes.

Mr Pezzullo: I am sure the chief financial officer—who lives for this moment!—will be able to address your question.

Senator BILYK: Give me the total amount across all categories, and then can you give me the partner visa?

Mr Groves: The amount collected in total in 2014-15 for visa application charges was \$1.818 billion.

Senator BILYK: Billion?

Mr Groves: Yes.

Senator BILYK: Are you able to tell me for the partner visas?

Mr Groves: I do not have the detail broken up by category, I am afraid.

Senator BILYK: That is alright. Could you take that on notice?

Mr Groves: Yes.

Answer:

Partner visas are part of the Family Migration stream which had total net revenues of \$571.9m in the 2014–15 financial year.

Partner visa lodgements numbered around 60,000 in the 2014–15 financial year, with these visas being at a number of price points. The Department does not collect revenue information that would allow it to split Partner visa revenue from other Family Migration stream visa revenue. However, based on the above revenue relating to Partner visas is estimated at \$216.0m for the 2014–15 financial year.