

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING : 27 February 2017

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(AE17/081) - Number of people who receive negative decisions do not have a condition attached to prevent them from working - Programme 2.3: Visas

Senator McKim, Nick (L&CA 127) asked:

Senator McKIM: How many people who have received negative decisions by the department, in terms of their refugee status, do not have a condition attached to their visa which prevents them from working? What I am trying to find out is—

Mr Manthorpe: So you are working your way through the process. They have come out the other end and they have not been granted a protection visa of any kind. Depending on whether they are in merits review or not they may still be on a bridging visa, but if they get through merits review and are still negative then their bridging visa may well be cancelled. But I would want to check the detail of that and take it on notice.

Answer:

As at 16 March 2017, 3,848 people who held Bridging E Visas (BVEs) had a negative protection visa decision, 826 of whom were people who arrived in Australia by boat without a valid visa. Of those people with a negative protection visa decision, 2,102 were without a condition attached to their visa that would prevent them from working. This includes 811 people who arrived in Australia by boat without a valid visa.