

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING : 24 March 2017

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

**(AE17/261) - Permanent residency applications rejected on health issue grounds -
Programme 2.2: Migration**

Senator Pratt, Louise (L&CA) written:

How many applications for permanent residency were rejected on the grounds that one of the applicants would be a burden on the Commonwealth due to a health issue in the following year:

2013/2014

2014/2015

2015/2016

2016/2017

Of those people, how many were children?

2013/2014

2014/2015

2015/2016

2016/2017

Of those applications rejected on public health grounds, how many decisions were appealed?

2013/2014

2014/2015

2015/2016

2016/2017

How many visa applications rejected on public health grounds were overturned on appeal?

2013/2014

2014/2015

2015/2016

2016/2017

How many visa applications rejected on public health grounds were overturned following a ministerial intervention?

2013/2014

2014/2015

2015/2016

2016/2017

Answer:

The following table shows the number of permanent visas refused on health grounds, including the number of applications that involved children.

Year	2013/2014	2014/2015	2015/2016	2016/2017 (to 31 March)
Total number of applications (Permanent/Provisional) refused on health grounds	1119	236	356	289

* The Department is unable to provide the number of child applicants (primary or secondary) who failed to meet health criteria, or who may have been refused due to another applicant failing to meet health criteria.

It would be an unreasonable diversion of resources to provide the number of refusal decisions that were appealed and the outcomes of such appeals or how many resulted in positive Ministerial intervention outcomes.