

## QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

**ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING: 24 March 2017**

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

**(AE17/266) - Submitting application for protection - Programme 2.3: Visas**

Senator Pratt, Louise (L&CA ) asked:

Can you please explain what is involved in submitting an application for protection?  
Does the Department accept being on the waitlist for legal assistance as a reason to delay lodging a claim for asylum? Has there been a change in policy relating to this? When did that occur?  
How many warning letters has the Department sent out in 2016/2017?  
How many people have had their bridging visa cancelled or work rights suspended for failure to apply by given date?

*Answer:*

*Can you please explain what is involved in submitting an application for protection?*

To make a valid application for a Temporary Protection visa or Safe Haven Enterprise visa an IMA must be in Australia and not be subject to any application bars.

They must complete the application form in English and put forward reasons for claiming protection or be a member of the family unit of someone who is claiming protection. The form must be signed and certified copies of relevant documents must be provided. Personal identifiers and residential address must be provided for all people included on the application, and the visa application charge, if immigration cleared, must also be paid.

- i. *Does the Department accept being on the waitlist for legal assistance as a reason to delay lodging a claim for asylum?* No
- ii. *Has there been a change in policy relating to this?* No
- iii. *When did that occur?* Not applicable

*How many warning letters has the Department sent out in 2016/2017?*

As at 11 April 2017, reminder to apply letters have been sent to 1517 persons.  
*How many people have had their bridging visa cancelled or work rights suspended for failure to apply by given date?*

As at 11 April 2017, no bridging visas have been cancelled or work rights suspended for any IMA for failure to apply for a temporary protection visa.