

## **QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

### **BUDGET ESTIMATES – 26 – 27 MAY 2014**

#### **IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO**

##### **(BE14/111) PROGRAMME – 1.2: Visa and Citizenship**

Senator Seselja (L&CA 82) asked:

Mr Fleming: As at 30 April, there were in Australia just over 110,000 primary visa holders and just over 89,000 secondary visa holders, dependents of those primary visa holders.

Senator SESELJA: So we do not have the January figures?

Mr Fleming: I do not have January figures with me, but if you would like those we can get them on notice.

Senator SESELJA: And going back to last financial year. I am trying to get a sense of whether the critique there was correct. Obviously, the September to January numbers would be the most obvious to see whether there has been a big spike. Are you aware of any spike between September and January? Do you have those numbers in front of you?

Mr Fleming: No, I do not have those numbers in front of me but I am pretty confident that there was not a spike between those periods.

Senator SESELJA: There was not a spike. I will take your word for it but it would be good to get the actual numbers if we could, and I would not mind also a comparison. September would be good, of last year, January would be good and also I think as a fair comparison going back one year from when it was put out, when the critique was made. If you go back one year to January of 2013 and the number of visa holders then would be very useful as well.

*Answer:*

As at 31 January 2014, there were 109 610 primary and 87 761 secondary subclass 457 visa holders in Australia.