

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES – 26 – 27 MAY 2014

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(BE14/130) PROGRAMME – 1.3: Migration, Border Management and Citizenship

Senator Singh (L&CA 92) asked:

Senator SINGH: Do you know how many people were in that situation—had already started an application process—

Senator HANSON-YOUNG: Paid for it.

Senator SINGH: for their family in some part of the world to come to Australia through the family stream and were then written to post 1 January to say, "Too bad"?

Mr Fleming: I do not think we have that number on us, but we do have it and can get it to you on notice.

Answer:

It is not possible to report on the number of applicants currently affected by Direction 62. A sponsor's status (whether they are an Illegal Maritime Arrival or not) is only assessed once processing of an application has commenced. As the Family Stream is oversubscribed, there is a pipeline of on-hand applications that await processing.