

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES – 26 – 27 MAY 2014

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(BE14/138) PROGRAMME – 1.3: Migration, Border Management and Citizenship

Senator Singh (L&CA 96) asked:

Senator SINGH: If I just finish this part, then Senator Heffernan can go for his life.

Mr Bowles, the department website notes:

Most of the 585 Other Family visa places will be allocated to the Carer visa category with fewer places allocated to the Remaining Relative and Aged Dependent Relative visa categories.

How many will be allocated to the remaining relative and aged dependent visa categories?

Mr Fleming: I will have to take on notice how we will break that down. I am not sure we have final figures yet.

[...]

Mr Bowles: But we are talking about a small number in the overall program, so we do not necessarily have all the detail. We will get those for you on notice.

Answer:

In accordance with s.499 Ministerial Priority Processing Direction 62, Carer visas are given priority within the Other Family category (which comprises Aged Dependent Relative, Remaining Relative and Carer visa subclasses). The allocation of places within the Other Family category for 2014-15 is yet to be determined, but will be consistent with Direction 62.