

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES – 26 – 27 MAY 2014

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(BE14/140) PROGRAMME – 2.1 and 2.2: Refugee and Humanitarian Assistance

Senator Singh (L&CA 99) asked:

Senator SINGH: While they are here, how many apply for asylum? That was the figure that I was going on, the larger figure.

Dr Southern: Yes, that is a much larger figure of people who have claimed asylum.

Senator SINGH: You do not have an answer to that question? We have the answer, obviously, to 14 March.

Dr Southern: No, I do not have updated figures for that to bring it up to date. We could take that on notice if you like wanted an update.

Answer:

During the period 7 September 2013 to 31 May 2014, 2 578 applications were made for protection by those who arrived on visitor/tourist visas (see the table below for a breakdown by subclass). Of these applications, six have been successful, 117 have been unsuccessful, 147 have been withdrawn or were found to be invalid at primary assessment and 2 308 are still in process.

Table : Visitors and working holiday makers lodging protection visa applications¹, 7 September 2013 to 31 May 2014

Arrival visa subclass	Total applicants
417 (Working Holiday (Temporary))	24
459 (Sponsored Business Visitor (Short Stay))	7
462 (Work and Holiday (Temporary))	6
600 (Visitor)	1 359
601 (Electronic Travel Authority)	116
651 (eVisitor)	11
670 (Tourist (Short stay))	2
676 (Tourist)	769
679 (Sponsored Family Visitor)	91
686 (Tourist (Long stay))	4
956 (Electronic Travel Authority (Business Entrant – Long Validity)	6
976 (Electronic Travel Authority (Visitor))	181
977 (Electronic Travel Authority (Business Entrant – Short Validity))	2
Total	2 578

1. Data counts applications. Clients may make multiple applications.