

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES – 26 – 27 MAY 2014

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(BE14/148) PROGRAMME – 1.3: Migration, Border Management and Citizenship

Senator Singh (L&CA 104) asked:

Senator SINGH: How many have been granted to date this financial year? I am just reading these questions out so you can take them on notice. Is there noncompliance? What is the compliance rate? That covers my questions on medical treatment visas, for which we have no answers today.

Answer:

Table 1: Medical treatment visas granted in 2013-14 to 31 May 2014

Visa Subclass	2013-14 to 31/05/2014
602 Medical Treatment	2603
675 Medical Treatment (Short Stay)*	6
685 Medical Treatment (Long Stay)*	8
Total	2 617

** These visas were closed to new applications on 22 March 2013.*

The most recent data on overstay numbers for the medical treatment visa is the 2011-12 programme year, when there were 2994 visa grants and 88 overstays. Overstays do not necessarily signal non-compliance, however, because there can be genuine medical reasons for a person remaining longer in Australia.