

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES – 26 – 27 MAY 2014

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(BE14/349) PROGRAMME – 1.2: Visa and Citizenship

Senator Carr (Written) asked:

How many IMAs had started an application process for a family visa prior to 1 January 2014?

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.