

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES – 26 – 27 MAY 2014

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(BE14/353) PROGRAMME – 1.2: Visa and Citizenship

Senator Carr (Written) asked:

How many people have applied for asylum while entering the country on a tourism or visitor visa?

- Since 7 September 2013
- Since previous estimates in February 2014
- The previous financial year to date.

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.
- During the period 25 February 2014 to 31 May 2014, 951 applications were made for protection by those who arrived on visitor/tourist visas.
- During the 2012–13 programme year, 2 870 applications were made for protection by those who arrived on visitor/tourist visas.

Table: Visitors and working holiday makers lodging protection visa applications¹

Arrival visa subclass	07/09/2013 to 31/05/2014	25/02/2014 to 31/05/2014	01/07/2012 to 30/06/2013
417 (Working Holiday (Temporary))	24	9	26
459 (Sponsored Business Visitor (Short Stay))	7	1	5
462 (Work and Holiday (Temporary))	6	3	16
600 (Visitor) ²	1 359	487	106
601 (Electronic Travel Authority)	116	78	5
651 (eVisitor)	11	9	6
670 (Tourist (Short stay))	2	0	1
676 (Tourist)	769	239	2 033
679 (Sponsored Family Visitor)	91	33	422
686 (Tourist (Long stay))	4	2	8
956 (Electronic Travel Authority (Business Entrant – Long Validity)	6	6	0
976 (Electronic Travel Authority (Visitor))	181	82	241
977 (Electronic Travel Authority (Business Entrant – Short Validity))	2	2	1
Total	2 578	951	2 870

- Data counts applications. Clients may make multiple applications.
- The subclass 600 (Visitor) visa was introduced on 23 March 2013.