

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES – 26 – 27 MAY 2014

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(BE14/362) PROGRAMME – 1.2: Visa and Citizenship

Senator Carr (Written) asked:

What is the grant rate as a per cent of the cases being decided by the Minister or Assistant Minister?

Answer:

The grant rate as a per cent of the cases being referred to the Minister or Assistant Minister under s417 is 11.8 per cent.

The grant rate as a per cent of the cases being referred to the Minister or Assistant Minister under s351 is 11.9 per cent.

The grant rate as a per cent of the cases being referred to the Minister or Assistant Minister under s195A is 99.5 per cent. The grant rate for s195A cases is higher than for the other ministerial powers because these cases are departmentally initiated for referral to the Minister or Assistant Minister, for example, to grant a Bridging visa E or a Humanitarian Stay (Temporary) visa to allow illegal maritime arrivals to live in the community while their claims for protection are considered.