

## QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

### BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING : 23 May 2017

#### IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

#### **(BE17/112) - Family Violence provisions - Permanent residency - Programme 2.3: Visas**

Senator Ketter, Chris (L&CA 64) asked:

Senator KETTER: Of the people that applied for family violence provisions, how many were granted permanent residency?

Ms Dacey: I will take that as well. Senator, just to give you a headline number: last year there were 458 claims, and that represents 0.3 of our unfinalised applications on hand, which is 150,000. I am just doing a scan back over those four years that I was talking to you about, and that 0.3 figure is fairly static.

Senator KETTER: Of the people that applied for family violence provisions, how many were denied?

Ms Dacey: I would have to take that on notice.

Senator KETTER: Are you able to advise what is the most common reason for declining an application under the family violence provisions?

Ms Dacey: Again, I will take that on notice.

Senator KETTER: How many claims included where children were involved in the case?

Ms Dacey: I will add that to the question.

*Answer:*

The table below shows the visa outcome between 2013/14 and 2016/17 for primary Partner visa applicants who had made claims under the family violence provisions (*note: the claims may have been in a previous programme year*).

	2013/2014	2014/2015	2015/2016	2016/2017 (as at 31.05.17)
Granted a Partner visa	481	458	445	282
Refused a Partner visa	179	101	160	140

If a person is found not to have suffered relevant family violence, their visa is refused on that basis. If their claim of family violence is successful but they fail other criteria, such as health or character, or have provided false and misleading information to the Department, their visa may be refused on those grounds. It is not possible to provide a breakdown of the number of visas refused on grounds other than family violence due to system reporting constraints.

The number of applicants under the age of 18 who were included in a Partner visa application where the primary visa applicant claimed family violence is as follows:

2013/2014	2014/2015	2015/2016	2016/2017 (as at 31.05.17)
84	58	48	36