QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES – 20 OCTOBER 2014

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(SE14/438) PROGRAMME – 1.2: Visa and Citizenship

Senator Carr (Written) asked:

How many family visas have been granted in 2013/14 in total and in 2014-15 to date? Please provide an update from the previous May estimates period.

Answer:

Under the family stream of the Migration Programme, a total of 61,112 visas were granted in 2013/14. This includes visas under the partner, child, parent and other family (carer, aged dependent and remaining relative) categories. A total of 25,849 family visas have been granted up to 30 November 2014 for 2014-15.

Migration Programme statistics exclude New Zealand citizens, grants to people previously counted in the Migration/Humanitarian Programme and temporary Partner visa holders who do not get the permanent visa.