

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES – 20 OCTOBER 2014

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(SE14/446) PROGRAMME – 1.2: Visa and Citizenship

Senator Carr (Written) asked:

- (a) I note that between 1 December 2013 and 28 February 2014 a total of 69 applicants were granted a significant investor visa, reflecting a value of \$345 million in complying investments. Can you please update these figures with a financial year to date figure from June 2013; and
- (b) also a figure from 25 February until today,
- (c) in addition to a breakdown by month.
- (d) Please include the total number of applications, and a breakdown of successful and unsuccessful applications and the reasons for the unsuccessful applications.

Answer:

- (a) In the 2013-2014 financial year there were 282 primary applicant visas granted and \$1.41 billion invested into complying investments.

- (b) For reporting purposes, we are unable to report on specific days of the month. The figures are provided from 1 March 2014 until 30 November 2014. In this time 372 primary applicant visas were granted and \$1.86 billion was invested into complying investments.

- (c) Please find below statistics from 1 March 2014 to 30 November 2014:

SIV Primary Visa applications: 1 st March 2014- 30 November 2014				
Month	Applications	Grants	Rejected	Withdrawn
March 2014	71	30	3	8
April 2014	77	34	3	4
May 2014	79	50	7	12
June 2014	100	32	8	14
July 2014	67	57	7	12
August 2014	77	44	10	15
September 2014	66	51	18	13
October 2014	62	47	20	5
November 2014	57	27	11	10
Total	656	372	87	93

- (d) Departmental systems do not allow reporting on specific reasons for refusal. Providing a breakdown of reasons for refusal would require detailed examination and analysis of large numbers of individual cases and be an unreasonable diversion of resources.