

## QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

**SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING : 17 October 2016**

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

**(SE16/059) - Fast-track - migrations agents lodged applications - Programme 2.4:  
Refugee and Humanitarian Assistance**

Senator McKim, Nick (L&CA) written:

Can the department provide: statistics on the numbers of people represented by migration agents who currently have lodged application? Can the Department provide statistics on average processing time of applications of those:

- represented under PAIS
- represented by a migration agent, and
- who are unrepresented?

*Answer:*

As at 27 October 2016 there were 7168 IMAs who are represented by a migration agent or are eligible for Primary Application Information Service lodged an application for a Temporary Protection Visa (TPV) or Safe Haven Enterprise Visa (SHEV).

The Department is rigorously assessing all applications on their individual merits against the requirements in the *Migration Act 1958*, using the most current and relevant country of origin information. The assessment includes national security, health and identity checks. The processing time varies significantly from case to case and is affected by characteristics such as:

- the number of applicants;
- the age of applicants;
- time taken for applicants to respond to requests for information; and
- character and health requirements.