

## QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

**ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING: 13 February 2006**

IMMIGRATION AND MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO

### **(41) Output 1.3: Enforcement of Immigration Law**

Senator Bartlett asked:

1. What is the current number of BVEs that have been granted?
2. Can a breakdown be provided of BVEs according to state, nationality, gender and age of those who have been granted this visa?
3. If this information is not available, why have the Department's systems not been updated to be able to provide this data in light of the quarter of a billion of so dollars that has been committed into upgrading the whole systems in DIMIA?

*Answer:*

1. As at 28 February 2006, 6,998 persons held Bridging Visa Es (BVEs).

2a.

Bridging Visa E in Effect as at 28 February 2006  
by State where the visa was granted

<u>State/Territory</u>	<u>Persons</u>
NSW	4,318
VIC	1,512
QLD	405
ACT	315
WA	221
SA	173
TAS	23
NT	21
Not Recorded	10
<u>Total</u>	<u>6,998</u>

2b.  
Bridging Visa E in Effect as at 28 February  
2006

by Country of Citizenship – Top 30

Country of citizenship	Persons
China, Peoples Republic of	786
Fiji	540
India	453
Sri Lanka	428
Indonesia	424
Unknown	412
Korea, Republic of	385
Lebanon	284
Bangladesh	270
United Kingdom	210
Tonga	176
Philippines	162
Pakistan	150
Vietnam	124
Hong Kong SAR of the PRC	103
Malaysia	103
Egypt, Arab Republic of	96
United States of America	90
South Africa, Republic of	81
Stateless	81
Nepal	71
Russian Federation	71
Thailand	67
Turkey	64
Colombia	56
Iran	53
Cambodia, the Kingdom of	45
Yugoslavia, Fed Rep	44
Canada	42
Germany, Federal Rep. Of	42
Other	1085
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,998</b>

2c.  
Bridging Visa E in Effect as at 28  
February 2006 by Gender

Gender	Persons
Male	4162
Female	2820
Not Recorded	16
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,998</b>

2d.  
Bridging Visa E in Effect as at 28  
February 2006 by Age Group

Age Group	Persons
17 or Younger	1,174
18 to 20	336
21 to 25	872
26 to 30	694
31 to 35	753
36 to 40	830
41 to 45	792
46 to 50	546
51 to 55	307
56 to 60	172
61 to 65	132
66 or Older	325
Not recorded/full date not available	65
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,998</b>