

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL BUDGET ESTIMATES 24 FEBRUARY 2009

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(7 & 8) Output 1.1: Migration and Temporary Entry

Senator Barnett (L&CA 28) asked:

(7) As a result of the December changes the Minister made, what is the estimated figures for the migration program?

(8) In relation to the migration program, provide figures from 1 July to 31 December 2008 in terms of meeting the budget announcement in May last year.

Answer:

The migration program has trended down since December 2008 and is 3.8 per cent below the pro rata planning level as at 28 February 2009.

The 2008-09 Migration Program will be kept under review for the remainder of the program year in light of the changing economic circumstances.

(8) As at 31 December, the Migration Program outcome for the 2008-09 program year was 95,053 compared to the pro rata planning level of 95,150. This outcome was 0.1 per cent below the pro-rata planning level.

Table 2.

2008-09 MIGRATION PROGRAM			
Outcome to 31 December 2008*			
Outcome Component	Outcome	Planning Level (Top of Range)	% Variation from Pro Rata
Total Family	30,701	56,500	8.7
Total Skill	64,298	133,500	-3.7
Special Eligibility	54	300	-64.0
Total Program	95,053	190,300	-0.1

*NOTE: Migration Program Outcome numbers do not include New Zealand citizens or holders of Secondary Movement Offshore Entry (Temporary), Secondary Movement Relocation (Temporary) and Temporary Protection Visas.