QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 21 FEBRUARY 2011

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(51) Program 1.1: Visa and Migration

Senator Cash asked:

How many are on bridging visas awaiting the determination of a visa under the General Skilled Migration (GSM) or Employer Nominated Scheme (ENS)?

Answer.

Senator Cash's question relates to her previous question on the number of students currently in Australia on a Skilled Graduate (Subclass 485) visa.

The number of primary applicants for a GSM or ENS visa whose last substantive visa was a Subclass 485 visa and who held a bridging visa which was in effect at 28 February 2011 is as follows:

GSM	4 651
ENS	55
Total	4 706