

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 21 FEBRUARY 2011

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(53) Program 1.1: Visa and Migration

Senator Cash asked:

From what countries are these students from and what is the proportion by nationality?

Answer:

Senator Cash's question relates to clients with Subclass 485 visas who are awaiting resolution of their General Skilled Migration (GSM) or Employer Nomination Scheme (ENS) visa applications.

The tables below identify the citizenship of primary applicants for GSM and ENS visas on hand at 28 February 2011, whose last substantive visa was a Subclass 485 visa:

For GSM:

Citizenship	Totals	% of GSM
India	3,748	37%
China, Peoples Republic of	1,986	20%
Korea, Republic of	412	4%
Nepal	405	4%
Indonesia	362	4%
Bangladesh	358	4%
Malaysia	349	3%
Sri Lanka	274	3%
Pakistan	244	2%
Other*	2,020	20%
Total	10,158	

For ENS:

Citizenship	Total	% of ENS
India	33	24%
China, Peoples Republic of	26	19%
Nepal	20	14%
Korea, Republic of	10	7%
Bangladesh	4	3%
HKSAR of the PRC	4	3%
Thailand	4	3%
Brazil	3	2%
Japan	3	2%
Mauritius	3	2%
Other*	29	21%
Total	139	

* "Other" includes a total of 82 citizenships where the number of primary applicants for GSM or ENS visas whose previous substantive visa was a Subclass 485 represented 2% or less of this group.