

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING: 13 FEBRUARY 2012

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(AE12/0154) Program 1.1: Visa and Migration

Senator Cash (L&CA 30) asked:

Please provide a breakdown on the prospective marriage visas that were cancelled or refused for the last five years in relation to all the grounds on which they can be cancelled or refused.

Answer:

From 1 July 2007 a total of 473 Prospective Marriage visas were cancelled.

The below table illustrates the number of cancellations under each of the powers in each year from 2007/08 to 31/12/2011.

Cancellation Power	2007/2008	2008/2009	2009/2010	2010/2011	2011/2012 to the 31/01/12	Total
s109: Incorrect Information	1	0	0	0	0	1
s116: General Power	32	31	24	32	14	133
s128: Holder Outside Australia	67	68	80	55	48	318
s140: Consequential Cancellation	7	2	4	5	3	21
Total	107	101	108	92	65	473

From 1 July 2007 a total of 2987 Prospective Marriage visa applications were refused. Departmental systems do not allow officers to specify their reasons for refusal in a way which allows for reporting.

The below table illustrates the number of Prospective Marriage visa applicants refused a Prospective Marriage visa in the year 2007/08 to 31/12/2011.

Year	Main applicant	Dependents	Total
2007/2008	580	145	725
2008/2009	611	137	748
2009/2010	648	181	829
2010/2011	729	169	898
2011/2012 to the 31/01/12	419	94	513
Grand total	2987	726	3713