

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING: 13 FEBRUARY 2012

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(AE12/0162) Program 1.1: Migration and Visa Policy Division

Senator Boyce (L&CA 46) asked:

Provide the figures on the number of applicants under the Regional Sponsored Migration Scheme who are not accepted initially and the results of the appeals over the past three years.

Answer:

Table 1 below shows the number of Regional Sponsored Migration Scheme (RSMS) visa applications that were refused from the 2008-09 program year through to the 2011-12 year to date (to 29 February 2012) program year. The figures are divided by subclass 119 (offshore visa applications) and subclass 857 (onshore visa applications).

Table 1: Number of RSMS visa applications refused in each program year

RSMS refusals (Total: Cases)				
	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12 YTD (to 29.02.12)
Offshore 119	58	23	90	107
Onshore 857	130	82	249	279
Total:	188	105	339	386

Table 2 shows the number of onshore and offshore RSMS visa applications refused that then sought review at the Migration Review Tribunal (MRT).

**Table 2: MRT outcomes on RSMS refused cases in each program year
RSMS appeal results (Total: Cases)**

	2008-2009			
	Set Aside	Affirmed	Withdrawn	Other
Offshore 119	1	0	1	0
Onshore 857	5	10	1	1
Subtotal:	6	10	2	1
Decided cases:				19

	2009-2010			
	Set Aside	Affirmed	Withdrawn	Other
Offshore 119	3	5	1	0
Onshore 857	30	14	11	3
Subtotal:	33	19	12	3
Decided cases:				67

	2010-2011			
	Set Aside	Affirmed	Withdrawn	Other
Offshore 119	2	0	1	0
Onshore 857	16	9	5	1
Subtotal:	18	9	6	1
Decided cases:				34

	2011-2012			
	Set Aside	Affirmed	Withdrawn	Other
Offshore 119	0	0	1	1
Onshore 857	2	0	10	7
Subtotal:	2	0	11	8
Decided cases:				21