

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING: 13 FEBRUARY 2012

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(AE12/0175) Program 1.1: Visa and Migration

Senator Cash asked:

When did the department last review the risk of providing ETAs?

Answer:

Risk is monitored on an ongoing basis for all visas. Key adverse outcomes, such as refused immigration clearance and onshore compliance activity, are analysed as they happen to alert visa processing and border control staff to emerging integrity issues.

The overall visa non-compliance among ETA holders is extremely low - approximately 0.5 per cent of all ETA arrivals compared to approximately one per cent for other visas (excluding New Zealand citizens) in 2011.