

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING: 13 FEBRUARY 2012**

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

**(AE12/0208) Program 1.1: Visa and Migration**

Senator Cash asked:

What is the average processing time for 457 visa applications in the Perth office from October – December 2011 and January 2012 to date?

*Answer:*

The median processing time for 457 visa applications in the Perth office between 1 October and 31 December 2011 was 15 calendar days.

The median processing time 457 visa application in the Perth office between 1 January and 13 February 2012 was 14 calendar days.