

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING: 13 FEBRUARY 2012

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(AE12/0258) Program 2.1: Refugee and Humanitarian Assistance

Senator Cash asked:

What was the average processing time for IMAs during the year to date?

Answer:

As at 31 January 2012, the average processing times for Irregular Maritime Arrivals (IMAs) from screening in to primary protection decision for program year 2011-12 was 93 days.

The average processing times from arrival to visa grant for IMAs for the same period was 355 days. This figure includes IMAs who were granted a protection visa after review.

Note: The figures provided above are drawn from historical operational data, which were initially held in multiple, manually-maintained data repositories. Due to different sources and methodologies employed over time, these figures may differ slightly from figures published elsewhere. All figures have been rounded to the nearest full day.