

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARINGS: 11 February 2013

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(AE13/0335) PROGRAM – 2.1: Refugee and Humanitarian Assistance

Senator Cash (Written) asked:

How many subclass 866 protection visas have been cancelled since November 2011 and why?

Answer:

According to departmental records seventeen Protection (Class XA) (subclass 866) visas were cancelled between 01 November 2011 and 28 February 2013.

Records indicate that:

- seven cancellations were made under Section 109 which allows for cancellation of a visa where incorrect information was supplied by the visa holder;
- one cancellation was made under Section 116, which allows for cancellation when the circumstances for the granting of a Protection visa no longer exist;
- one cancellation was made under Section 128, which allows for the cancellation of a visa while the holder is outside of Australia where a cancellation ground under Section 116 was met;
- six cancellations were made under Section 140, which allows for the cancellation of a visa held by another person because of being a member of the family of a person whose visa is also cancelled; and
- two visas were cancelled under Section 501 which relates to the character test.