

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES - 25 FEBRUARY 2014

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(AE14/003) PROGRAMME – 1.1: Visa and Migration

Senator Boyce (L&CA 8) asked:

Senator BOYCE: I was particularly interested in families or individuals with disability. You told me that it was not possible to do those. I do not think I have come across a website that involved a Boolean search for some time. It seemed to me quite simple that those with disabilities could be pulled out. I am just querying why this is not able to be done. If you search 'disability' you get dozens and dozens of cases and decisions that involve people with a disability. It is not that the information is not there. Ms Ransome: It is just that we do not collect that information in that way when an application is lodged with the tribunals. Disability may arise in a whole range of ways.

Senator BOYCE: Yes.

Ms Ransome: It could be a dependent child or it could be—

Senator BOYCE: I realise that, but the outcome is what I am interested in.

Ms Ransome: We can have a look to see if we can give you better information than we have by visa classes where these public interest criteria are particularly addressed. Would that be helpful?

Senator BOYCE: Whatever you can give me on that would be appreciated.

Ms Ransome: We will take that on notice.

Answer:

The MRT-RRT is unable to identify the number of cases involving persons with a disability from case data contained in the electronic case management system.