

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES - 25 FEBRUARY 2014

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(AE14/008) PROGRAMME – 1.1.3 - Office of MARA

Senator Hanson-Young (L&CA 12) asked:

Senator HANSON-YOUNG: Are you across how long many of those family reunion applications for people who lodged after them arriving by boat have been sitting on the books?

Mr Ingram: Applications for visas? Senator HANSON-YOUNG: Yes, family reunion visas. This is all in relation to direction 62.

Mr Ingram: As we do not process visas in the MARA—

Senator HANSON-YOUNG: I know you do not. My question is: are you aware of the length of time that, currently, many of those applications have been sitting on the books?

Mr Ingram: No, I am not aware. Again, we could take that on notice.

Answer:

The Office of the MARA is not aware of visa application processing times.