

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES - 25 FEBRUARY 2014

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(AE14/302) PROGRAMME – 4.6: Refugee Status Determination for Offshore Entry Persons

Senator Carr (Written) asked:

What is the average processing time for a refugee status determination (RSD)?

Answer:

The time taken to finalise a refugee status determination varies considerably based on the circumstances of the case and is influenced by a range of policy settings.

From 19 November 2013 to 25 February 2014, the average processing time from the date of lodgement to the date of the finally determined decision was 444 days for protection visa applicants who initially arrived as Illegal Maritime Arrivals and 439 days for other applicants.