

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 21 May 2007

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(37) Output 1.1: Migration and Temporary Entry

Senator Crossin (L&CA 48) asked:

Senator Ludwig asked about an answer to question on notice 37. It goes right back to 25 and 27 May 2005, so you probably have not brought it with you. It goes to the average processing time for skilled migrants. Back then your answer was, 'Progressive expansion in the use of internet for visa application lodgement will lead to the above processing times coming down further'. The labour agreement, 'employer nominated regional sponsored migration', went from 'Onshore high risk 2.0 months', to Offshore four months.' Has that increased or decreased since 2005?

Answer:

At 31 May 2007 the median processing times for offshore labour agreement, employer nominated and regional sponsored applications were 2.1 months, 1.9 months and 2.7 months respectively and the median processing times for onshore applications were 2.9 months, 3 months and 3.4 months respectively.

In 2004-05 the median processing times for offshore labour agreement, employer nominated and regional sponsored applications were 1.6 months, 2.2 months and 2.1 months respectively. Median processing times for onshore applications were 2.1 months, 2.5 months and 2.5 months respectively.

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