

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

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IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(71) Output 1.2: Refugee and Humanitarian Entry and Stay

Senator Bartlett (L&CA 86) asked:

Provide the average processing time for the split family cases.

Answer:

Departmental systems cannot provide the average processing time for split family cases; however, the following information is available in relation to all offshore humanitarian visa applications;

- the average processing time for all offshore humanitarian visa applications finalised between 01 July 2006 and 31 May 2007 was 18.2 weeks (this includes cases approved as well as refused); and
- the average processing time for all offshore humanitarian visa applications granted between 01 July 2006 and 31 May 2007 was 48.9 weeks (cases that proceed to further processing and approval take more time to process than most refusals).