

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

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IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(87) Output 1.4: Compliance

Senator Crossin (L&CA 112) asked:

I want to ask some questions on 1.4.2, Status resolution. My questions relate to page 65 of the PBS. What is the number of bridging visa E overstayers as a proportion of the total grants?

Answer:

Between the 1 July 2006 and 31 March 2007, 28 850 Bridging E Visas (BVEs) were granted to some 12 324 clients.

Of the 12 324 clients granted a BVE:

- 5 507 continue to hold a bridging visa, of which some 4 065 (or 33% of the total) have been granted further BVEs in that period - some of which were granted on the grounds the client would depart and others because the client currently has an outstanding matter before the department or review body; and
- 913 (7.5% of the total) clients have become unlawful.