

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 27 MAY 2009

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(21) Program 2.1: Refugee and Humanitarian Assistance

Senator Feeney (L&CA 98) asked:

How long were TPV holders separated from their families? Was there a minimum amount of time? Has the department got information about an average time?

Answer:

Information about when former temporary Protection visa (TPV) and temporary Humanitarian visa (THV) holders were joined by their families through sponsorship or other arrangements is not held in a reportable format.

For those people who proceeded to a permanent further Protection visa (FPV), the average and median time from grant of an initial TPV or THV to grant of an FPV was 3.8 years. With some exceptions, a minimum period of 30 months for TPV holders and 54 months for THV holders had to expire before a permanent visa could be granted.

According to available information at 24 July 2009, for people who proceeded to a permanent Resolution of Status (RoS) visa the average time from grant of an initial TPV or THV to grant of a RoS visa was 2.4 years.