

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 27 – 28 May 2009

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(2) Program: MRT-RRT

Senator Barnett (L&CA 45) asked:

Referring to the MRT and this 14 per cent increase, can you give us a breakdown of that?

Answer:

The table below sets out MRT lodgements by case category received during 2008-09 and 2007-08 (to 30 April each year), and the percentage increase or decrease in each category.

MRT lodgements			
Case category	2007-08 to 30 April 2008	2008-09 to 30 April 2009	% change
Bridging refusal	136	112	-18%
Visitor refusal	331	432	31%
Student refusal	617	520	-16%
Temporary business refusal	499	597	20%
Permanent business refusal	144	231	60%
Skill linked refusal	817	1,592	95%
Partner refusal	1,272	1,126	-11%
Family refusal	413	459	11%
Student cancellation	583	380	-35%
Sponsor approval refusal	85	162	91%
Other	383	428	12%
Total	5,280	6,039	14%