

## QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

### BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 27-28 MAY 2009

#### IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

#### **(78) Program 1.1: Visa and Migration**

Senator Joyce asked:

- (1) How many applications to migrate here has Australia received from Hazara people living in Afghanistan?
- (2) How many applications to migrate here has Australia received from Hazara people living in Pakistan?
- (3) What is the average processing time for an application by someone in Afghanistan who wishes to immigrate to Australia?
- (4) What is the average processing time for an application by someone in Pakistan who wishes to immigrate to Australia?
- (5) What are these average times for each of the past five years?

*Answer:*

(1) and (2)

The Department does not collate information on ethnicity nor on where the person was living when they lodged their visa application.

(3) (4) and (5)

The average processing times for migration applications is not available by ethnicity nor by a person's country of residence.