

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 24 MAY 2011

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE11/0088) Program 1.1: Visa and Migration

Senator Cash asked:

How many WHM visas and extensions to these visas have been granted for the last 5 financial years?

Answer:

Working Holiday Maker (WHM) Visa Grants*					
Grant Type	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11 to 31 May 2011
Initial visas granted	128 632	145 758	172 335	157 855	155 665
Visa extensions granted	7 790	11 816	21 768	25 306	20 556
Total:	136 422	157 574	194 103	183 161	176 221

*Includes both the Working Holiday (subclass 417) and Work and Holiday (subclass 462) visa subclasses.