

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 24 MAY 2011**

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

**(BE11/0091) Program 1.1: Visa and Migration**

Senator Cash asked:

What is the average time taken to process a Working Holiday Maker Visa? How does this compare with 12 months ago?

*Answer:*

To 31 May 2011, the average time to process an initial Working Holiday (subclass 417) visa was 4.6 days. The average time to process a second Working Holiday (subclass 417) visa (an extension) was 16 days.

To 31 May 2010, the average time to process an initial Working Holiday (subclass 417) visa was 5.2 days. The average time to process a second Working Holiday (subclass 417) visa (an extension) was 18.8 days.