

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

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IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE11/0106) Program 1.1: Visa and Migration

Senator Cash asked:

How long are onshore and offshore applications for General Skilled Migration taking to process?

Answer:

During 2010-11, as at 31 May 2011, the average processing time for a General Skilled Migration application was:

- 587 days for offshore applications; and
- 330 days for onshore applications.