

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 24 MAY 2011

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE11/0204) Program 2.1: Refugee and Humanitarian Assistance

Senator Boyce asked:

On the 22nd of March 2011 a document was tabled entitled, "Protection Visa Processing taking more than 90 days for the reporting period 1/7/10 to 31/10/10".

Why were the reasons for the delays beyond their control?

Answer:

Delays that are beyond the control of the Department involve circumstances where action is required of another party such as the visa applicant, another government agency or an international organisation.