

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 21-22 MAY 2012

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE12/0043) Program: Internal Product

Senator Cash asked:

What was the amount collected and received by the government from the ETA service fee in 2011 – 12? How many individual transactions did this involve? What is the expected revenue from this fee over the forward estimates? And what is the number of expected transactions for each year? And you might have this to hand: how many onshore applications have there been in 2011-12 in total? And could we also get a breakdown by visa category?

Answer

During Financial Year 2011-12, DIAC collected \$7,294,400.00 as a result of offshore ETA applications. This represents 364,720 individual ETA application transactions.

Month	Amount collected	Number of ETA transactions in month
July 2011	\$546,080.00	27,304
August 2011	\$583,100.00	29,155
September 2011	\$523,520.00	26,176
October 2011	\$639,200.00	31,960
November 2011	\$692,620.00	34,631
December 2011	\$661,980.00	33,099
January 2012	\$612,760.00	30,638
February 2012	\$626,960.00	31,348
March 2012	\$634,660.00	31,733
April 2012	\$562,800.00	28,140
May 2012	\$618,100.00	30,905
June 2012	\$592,620.00	29,631
Total	\$7,294,400.00	364,720

The total fees for ETA applications that are collected in any year is contingent upon the number of ETA applicants who utilise the ETA application system, as it is a demand-driven service. Information trends suggest that usage will remain at similar levels over the remaining term of the contract, although a maximum increase of 5.5% per annum has been estimated for planning purposes.

ETAs cannot be applied for onshore.