

## QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

### BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 21-22 MAY 2012

#### IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

#### (BE12/0320) Program 2.1: Refugee and Humanitarian Assistance

Senator Cash asked:

What was the average processing time for IMAs during the year to date, by age, gender and country of origin?

*Answer:*

The tables below provide information on the average processing times from screening in to primary decision for all IMAs by age, gender and nationality for the period 1 July 2011 to 30 April 2012.

**Table 1. Average processing times from screening in to primary decision by Age**

Age	July 2011 to April 2012
0 - 17 years	98 days
18 - 25 years	101 days
26 - 35 years	109 days
36+ years	105 days

**Table 2. Average processing times from screening in to primary decision by Gender**

Gender	July 2011 to April 2012
Male	103 days
Female	109 days

**Table 3. Average processing times from screening in to primary decision by Nationality**

Nationality	July 2011 to April 2012
Afghanistan	104 days
Iran	105 days
Iraq	107 days
Sri Lanka	101 days
Stateless	114 days
Other	89 days

The tables below provide information on the average processing times from arrival to visa grant for all IMAs by age, gender and nationality for the period 1 July 2011 to 30 April 2012. This cohort also includes clients that received a visa grant following a positive review outcome.

**Table 4. Average processing times from arrival to visa grant by Age**

Age	July 2011 to April 2012
0 - 17 years	262 days
18 - 25 years	332 days
26 - 35 years	375 days
36+ years	405 days

**Table 5. Average processing times from arrival to visa grant by Gender**

Gender	July 2011 to April 2012
Male	361 days
Female	316 days

**Table 6. Average processing times from arrival to visa grant by Nationality**

Nationality	July 2011 to April 2012
Afghanistan	357 days
Iran	290 days
Iraq	338 days
Sri Lanka	602 days
Stateless	367 days
Other	331 days

**Note:** The figures provided are drawn from historical operational data, which were initially held in multiple, manually-maintained data repositories. Due to different sources and methodologies employed over time, these figures may differ slightly from figures published elsewhere. All figures have been rounded to the nearest full day.