

## QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

### BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 27-28 May 2013

#### IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

#### **(BE13/0047) PROGRAM – 2.1 Refugee and Humanitarian Assistance**

Senator Furner (L&CA 89) asked:

Senator FURNER: Obviously the proof is going to be in the pudding, to make sure that is delivered out there in the greater climate and people realise that that is the option open to them. Is it the case that DIAC officers assess each application for a refugee visa prior to the visa being granted? Is that how it operates?

Ms Larkins: Yes, that is right.

Senator FURNER: How long does that process normally take?

Ms Larkins: I do not think I have an average time with me. I could come back to you on that. In terms of the offshore programs, I do not have an average time.

*Answer:*

The following table provides a breakdown of the average visa processing time for visa subclasses 200, 201, 202, 203 and 204 by post.

**Table 1: Average visa processing time by post in 2012-13 to 30 April 2013**

Post	Weeks
Amman	29
Ankara	28
Bangkok	41
Beirut	26
Berlin	138
Brasilia	9
Cairo	43
Dubai	43
Jakarta	28
Kuala Lumpur	25
Manila	50
Moscow	69
Nairobi	87
New Delhi	44
Pretoria	5
Tehran	33
Washington	122

**Notes:**

Data for 2012-13 program year was extracted from departmental systems on 16 June 2013.