

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 27-28 May 2013

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE13/0254) PROGRAM – 1.1: Visa and Migration

Senator Cash (Written) asked:

What are the current Student Visa Processing Times? How do these compare with the Processing Time Service Standards?

Answer:

Student visa processing times and service standards for the period 1 July 2012 to 30 April 2013 are set out in the table below.

Visa Subclass and Name	Processing Times Service Standards (within which 75% of applications are to be finalised)	2012-13 to 30 April 2013	
		% finalised within service standard	Days to finalise 75% of cases
570 Independent ELICOS	Assessment Level 1 (offshore and onshore) 14 days Assessment Level 2 (onshore) 14 days Assessment Level 2 (offshore) 21 days Assessment Level 3/4 (onshore) 1 month Assessment Level 3/4 (offshore) 3 months	63.8%	27
571 Schools Sector	Assessment Level 1 (offshore and onshore) 14 days Assessment Level 2 (onshore) 14 days Assessment Level 2 (offshore) 21 days Assessment Level 3/4 (onshore) 1 month Assessment Level 3/4 (offshore) 3 months	68.6%	34
572 Vocational Education and Training Sector	Assessment Level 1 (offshore and onshore) 14 days Assessment Level 2 (onshore) 14 days Assessment Level 2 (offshore) 21 days Assessment Level 3/4 (onshore) 1 month Assessment Level 3/4 (offshore) 3 months	55.6%	41

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		% finalised within service standard	Days to finalise 75% of cases
573 Higher Education Sector	Assessment Level 1 (offshore and onshore) 14 days Assessment Level 2 (onshore) 14 days Assessment Level 2 (offshore) 21 days Assessment Level 3/4 (onshore) 1 month Assessment Level 3/4 (offshore) 3 months	56.9%	25
574 Postgraduate Research Sector	Assessment Level 1 (offshore and onshore) 14 days Assessment Level 2 (onshore) 14 days Assessment Level 2 (offshore) 21 days Assessment Level 3/4 (onshore) 1 month Assessment Level 3/4 (offshore) 3 months	38.6%	30
575 Non-Award Sector	Assessment Level 1 (offshore and onshore) 14 days Assessment Level 2 (onshore) 14 days Assessment Level 2 (offshore) 21 days Assessment Level 3/4 (onshore) 1 month Assessment Level 3/4 (offshore) 3 months	65.6%	12
576 AusAID or Defence Sponsored	Assessment Level 2 (onshore) 14 days Assessment Level 2 (offshore) 21 days	62.7%	34