QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 27-28 May 2013

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE13/0286) PROGRAM – 1.1: Visa and Migration

Senator Cash (Written) asked:

How many offshore applications have there been in 2012-13 by visa category?

Answer:

The number of offshore visa applications lodged by visa category in the program year 2012-13 (to 30 April 2013) is set out in the following tables. Data has been separated for temporary and permanent visa applications.

Temporary Visa Category	2012-13 to 30/04/13 Applications (persons)
Visitor visas	3 282 452
Student visas (includes student guardians)	124 807
Working Holiday, and, Work and Holiday	196 788
Subclass 457 ⁽¹⁾ Temporary Work (Skilled)	63 550
Other Temporary Resident visas	31 501
Total	3 699 098

Permanent Visa Category	2012-13 to 30/04/13 Applications (persons)
Child	3 994
Contributory Parent	5 983
Parent	4 552
Other Family	1 838
Partner	37 888
Family Stream (permanent) Total	54 255
Business Skills	761
Distinguished Talent	99
Employer Sponsored	2 758
Skilled Independent	7 334
State/Territory Nominated	7 640
Skilled Regional	813
Skill Stream (permanent) Total	19 405
Special Eligibility	48
Total	73 708

¹ Includes Independent Executives.

Note: All data has been extracted from a 'live system'. As this system is constantly updated there will be slight variations in data across different extract dates.