

## QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

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

#### IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

#### (BE13/0399) PROGRAM – 4.1: Visa Compliance and Status Resolution

Senator Cash (Written) asked:

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

*Answer:*

The time taken to undertake relevant processing is subject to variation depending on individual circumstances. Timeframes can be affected by a number of factors including difficulty in satisfactorily determining a client's identity, developments in country information and complexity of processing due to individual circumstances relating to health, character, security or legal matters.

Below is a breakdown by age, gender and country of origin of the average time in days between arrival and protection visa grant for Irregular Maritime Arrivals who were granted a Protection Visa between 1 January 2013 to 28 May 2013. This includes people who are in immigration detention facilities, in the community under a residence determination and Bridging Visa E holders.

GENDER	AGE	AFGHANISTAN	BANGLADESH	IRAN	IRAQ	MYANMAR	PAKISTAN	PALESTINIAN AUTHORITY	SRI LANKA	STATELESS PERSON	TURKEY
Female	1-17	255		438	500		195	252	582	248	750
Female	18-35	241		349	589		265	279	703	291	
Female	36-50	264		347	450		195	255	703	280	750
Female	50+	236		263	480			292	754	329	
Male	1-17	250		304	562	241	216	286	711	276	750
Male	18-35	294	396	324	409		303	296	544	334	
Male	36-50	310		396	395		294	263	599	365	
Male	50+	305		275	377		335		368	291	

*\* According to DIAC systems data for Protection Visas grants 1 January 2013 - 28 May 2013*