

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 30 October 2006**

IMMIGRATION AND MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO

**(177) Output 1.2: Refugee and Humanitarian Entry and Stay**

Senator Bartlett asked:

What is the average processing time for processing of protection visa applications onshore?

*Answer:*

DIMA systems as at 3 November 2006 indicate that, for initial protection visa applications which were finalised in the first instance by the department in 2006-07, the average time for processing these applications was less than 72 days.