

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

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IMMIGRATION AND MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO

(52) Output 1.1: Migration and Temporary Entry

Senator Crossin (L&CA 66 and written) asked:

In terms of the total number of 457 visas issued to date, I think Senator Carr went through some of them, the current estimate was 39,500 in the 2005-06 year. That was an increase of 42 per cent from 2004-05, for which I understand the estimate was 28,000. I would like you to provide us with the costs associated with the current administration of the scheme. How much is it costing in terms of compliance processes and costs?

Answer:

The Department does not keep data in a format that would enable this question to be answered specifically.