QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 19 OCTOBER 2010

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(136) Program 1.1: Visa and Migration

Senator Fifield asked:

(1)   In 2010, what is the average processing time for Student visas student from Indian and Sri Lankan applicants? Please provide for 572 visa applications and 575 visa applications.
(2)   What are the comparable average processing times for the years 2006-2009 inclusive?

Answer:

For Indian nationals, Vocational Education and Training (subclass 572) is AL4 and Non-award (subclass 575) is AL 3.

For Sri Lankan nationals, Vocational Education and Training (subclass 572) is AL4 and Non-award (subclass 575) is AL 3.

The published service standard for an AL3-4 application is 90 days for an offshore application and 30 days for an onshore application.

Average processing time (in days) for subclass 572 by nationality

	India		Sri Lanka	
	Onshore	**Offshore**	**Onshore**	**Offshore**
2006-07	14	58	28	52
2007-08	14	59	23	57
2008-09	47	62	76	39
2009-10	56	94	104	35
20010-11 (to 31 October)	51	83	55	42

Average processing time (in days) for subclass 575 by nationality

	India		Sri Lanka	
	Onshore	**Offshore**	**Onshore**	**Offshore**
2006-07	21	47	20	46
2007-08	11	61	58	26
2008-09	53	58	57	19
2009-10	80	85	147	37
20010-11 (to 31 October)	44	52	20	38