

## QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

### SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 19 OCTOBER 2010

#### IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

#### **(172) Program 1.1: Visa and Migration**

Senator Cash asked:

(1) What is the number of visa applications received broken down by on-shore and offshore applications in the following areas:

- (a) Skilled Migration
  - (i) Employer nomination scheme
  - (ii) Independent
  - (iii) Regional sponsored migration scheme

- (b) Family
  - (i) Spouse
  - (ii) Child
  - (iii) Parents
  - (iv) Carers

- (c) Temporary
  - (i) Family sponsored tourist visa
  - (ii) 457 visa
  - (iii) Working holiday maker
  - (iv) Work and holiday maker
  - (v) Student – 571, 572 and 573?

(2) How does this compare with 2007-08; 2008-09?

(3) Please provide a breakdown of applications in the categories above that were approved and rejected, and the average processing time for each.

(4) How does this compare with 2007-08; 2008-09?

Answer:

(1) & (2)

The number of visa applications received in the Skilled Migration category, received by visa type; client location and financial year since 1 July 2007, is shown in the following table:

<b>Skilled Migration</b>	<b>Client Location</b>	<b>2007/2008</b>	<b>2008/2009</b>	<b>2009/2010</b>
Employer Nomination Scheme	Offshore	1,957	2,562	4,621
Employer Nomination Scheme	Onshore	17,271	29,314	32,767
Skilled Independent – General Skilled Migration	Offshore	61,720	46,922	23,324
Skilled Independent – General Skilled Migration	Onshore	18,202	13,593	22,902
Regional Sponsored Migration Scheme	Offshore	1,727	2,020	2,743
Regional Sponsored Migration Scheme	Onshore	5,166	7,922	10,694

The number of visa applications received in the Family Migration category, received by visa type; client location and financial year since 1 July 2007, is shown in the following table:

<b>Family Migration</b>	<b>Client Location</b>	<b>2007/2008</b>	<b>2008/2009</b>	<b>2009/2010</b>
Partner	Offshore	33,618	37,162	34,452
Partner	Onshore	13,823	16,285	18,954
Child	Offshore	3,228	3,735	3,769
Child	Onshore	567	665	613
Contributory Parent	Offshore	7,110	7,742	6,272
Contributory Parent	Onshore	598	516	392
Parent	Offshore	3,295	3,150	3,421
Parent	Onshore	877	838	859
Carer	Offshore	1,065	2,076	1,823
Carer	Onshore	325	337	292

The number of visa applications received in the Temporary Migration category, received by visa type; client location and financial year since 1 July 2007, is shown in the following table:

<b>Temporary Migration</b>	<b>Client Location</b>	<b>2007/2008</b>	<b>2008/2009</b>	<b>2009/2010</b>
Visitors - Sponsored Family	Offshore	30,378	31,272	31,595
Temporary Business (Long Stay) 457 <sup>1</sup>	Offshore	73,910	63,180	42,300
Temporary Business (Long Stay) 457	Onshore	43,830	44,730	32,480
Working Holiday Maker	Offshore	148,450	174,323	154,686
Working Holiday Maker	Onshore	9,315	17,570	21,574
Work and Holiday	Offshore	3,154	6,063	7,495
Work and Holiday	Onshore	797	279	108
Student - 571	Offshore	18,289	13,490	10,962
Student - 571	Onshore	2,309	2,431	2,208
Student - 572	Offshore	49,771	92,427	38,045
Student - 572	Onshore	28,873	39,061	47,269
Student - 573	Offshore	98,585	94,978	71,853
Student - 573	Onshore	38,706	45,901	51,364

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<sup>1</sup> Totals for Temporary Business (Long Stay) Subclass 457 visas include primary and secondary visa holders. Figures for Subclass 457 visas rounded to the nearest 10.

(3) & (4)

The number of visa applications granted and refused in the Skilled Migration category, and the average processing time for each, by financial year since 1 July 2007, is shown in the following table:

Skilled Migration			Persons Decided			Avg Processing Time (Days)		
Visa Type	Client Location	Decision	2007/2008	2008/2009	2009/2010	2007/2008	2008/2009	2009/2010
Employer Nomination Scheme	Offshore	Granted	1,535	2,187	3,105	92.66	81.09	76.75
Employer Nomination Scheme	Offshore	Refused	133	120	104	187.83	275.48	111.63
Employer Nomination Scheme	Onshore	Granted	14,348	25,684	27,919	89.17	68.00	66.80
Employer Nomination Scheme	Onshore	Refused	426	842	598	163.04	126.33	101.77
Skilled Independent - - General Skilled Migration	Offshore	Granted	38,119	34,898	32,121	224.15	303.80	256.03
Skilled Independent - - General Skilled Migration	Offshore	Refused	10,206	13,020	6,314	521.88	318.43	636.10
Skilled Independent - - General Skilled Migration	Onshore	Granted	18,439	10,002	6,658	159.80	264.35	170.52
Skilled Independent - - General Skilled Migration	Onshore	Refused	769	1,042	277	371.80	404.83	706.26
Regional Sponsored Migration Scheme	Offshore	Granted	1,303	1,917	1,818	75.11	72.57	61.07
Regional Sponsored Migration Scheme	Offshore	Refused	32	158	59	194.34	231.99	98.83
Regional Sponsored Migration Scheme	Onshore	Granted	3,944	7,214	8,608	113.81	92.03	73.37
Regional Sponsored Migration Scheme	Onshore	Refused	77	354	210	181.90	97.15	82.94

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<b>Family Migration</b>			<b>Persons Decided</b>			<b>Avg Processing Time (Days)</b>		
<b>Visa Type</b>	<b>Client Location</b>	<b>Decision</b>	<b>2007/2008</b>	<b>2008/2009</b>	<b>2009/2010</b>	<b>2007/2008</b>	<b>2008/2009</b>	<b>2009/2010</b>
Partner	Offshore	Granted	30,270	31,285	31,182	134.43	127.86	133.12
Partner	Offshore	Refused	2,294	2,641	2,612	220.81	236.67	219.19
Partner	Onshore	Granted	11,540	13,432	15,925	129.58	151.56	143.77
Partner	Onshore	Refused	218	342	393	359.34	519.24	364.91
Child	Offshore	Granted	2,706	2,806	3,170	107.06	113.08	162.12
Child	Offshore	Refused	383	311	399	172.68	205.36	211.17
Child	Onshore	Granted	370	451	398	167.31	166.85	228.71
Child	Onshore	Refused	109	101	157	144.33	156.65	250.34
Contributory Parent	Offshore	Granted	3,174	5,909	7,004	412.79	453.40	497.08
Contributory Parent	Offshore	Refused	176	129	137	416.67	602.04	629.04
Contributory Parent	Onshore	Granted	355	624	529	256.39	340.22	233.25
Contributory Parent	Onshore	Refused	9	37	42	653.22	550.54	523.19
Parent	Offshore	Granted	768	1,411	1,438	3115.29	3479.76	3818.11
Parent	Offshore	Refused	242	332	423	1965.04	2892.10	3792.31
Parent	Onshore	Granted	228	590	554	2938.60	3115.46	3232.44
Parent	Onshore	Refused	41	136	235	2101.41	1710.53	2706.17
Carer	Offshore	Granted	597	835	957	262.00	197.65	226.22
Carer	Offshore	Refused	219	305	887	157.59	146.76	157.96
Carer	Onshore	Granted	172	111	171	119.32	316.86	339.29
Carer	Onshore	Refused	16	10	78	590.94	316.20	396.97

The number of visa applications granted and refused in the Temporary Migration category, and the average processing time for each, by financial year since 1 July 2007, is shown in the following table:

Temporary Migration			Persons Decided			Avg Processing Time (Days)		
Visa Type	Client Location	Decision	2007/ 2008	2008/ 2009	2009/ 2010	2007/ 2008	2008/ 2009	2009/ 2010
Visitors - Sponsored Family	Offshore	Granted	23,224	22,903	22,457	35.55	38.00	33.59
Visitors - Sponsored Family	Offshore	Refused	4,507	8,279	8,434	45.18	30.61	29.90
Temporary Business (Long Stay) 457	Offshore	Granted	70,970	61,430	39,810	58	39	32
Temporary Business (Long Stay) 457	Offshore	Refused	4,290	2,770	1,360	310	169	218
Temporary Business (Long Stay) 457	Onshore	Granted	39,600	39,860	28,170	54	38	43
Temporary Business (Long Stay) 457	Onshore	Refused	1,250	1,970	1,770	216	120	129
Working Holiday Maker	Offshore	Granted	145,969	171,500	155,447	3.93	2.90	2.04
Working Holiday Maker	Offshore	Refused	1,873	1,638	1,722	205.72	166.11	92.27
Working Holiday Maker	Onshore	Granted	8,376	16,337	20,070	35.98	11.77	10.08
Working Holiday Maker	Onshore	Refused	537	503	1,235	164.49	155.19	89.37
Work and Holiday	Offshore	Granted	3,027	5,922	7,283	7.18	4.38	3.47
Work and Holiday	Offshore	Refused	22	68	90	136.68	113.04	61.10

Work and Holiday	Onshore	Granted	461	482	139	96.89	125.34	106.06
Work and Holiday	Onshore	Refused	9	13	4	368.33	213.00	261.00
Student - 571	Offshore	Granted	14,758	11,932	10,276	26.85	22.44	20.51
Student - 571	Offshore	Refused	2,763	2,887	1,352	61.40	52.17	67.74
Student - 571	Onshore	Granted	2,226	2,247	2,186	44.67	44.01	37.85
Student - 571	Onshore	Refused	71	63	124	161.73	113.95	80.63
Student - 572	Offshore	Granted	40,754	69,383	28,055	28.06	24.30	35.91
Student - 572	Offshore	Refused	5,355	13,272	20,438	57.78	57.41	46.96
Student - 572	Onshore	Granted	28,010	34,994	43,887	32.37	32.44	34.47
Student - 572	Onshore	Refused	847	1,095	2,528	169.65	109.01	86.67
Student - 573	Offshore	Granted	90,546	90,773	68,247	20.60	20.35	18.28
Student - 573	Offshore	Refused	4,871	6,365	6,592	64.27	66.05	61.91
Student - 573	Onshore	Granted	39,294	43,045	50,294	35.44	32.80	31.01
Student - 573	Onshore	Refused	751	720	1,345	180.26	138.15	97.30