

## QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

### SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 19 OCTOBER 2010

#### IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

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

Senator Cash (L&CA 42) asked:

In relation to 410 visas, have you had any cases to date of those that have expired and have not been granted a further visa?

*Answer:*

As at 31 August 2010 there had been 779 Retirement (Subclass 410) visa holders whose visa had expired since the introduction of the 10-year visa validity period on 1 July 2009, but who had not lodged an application to renew their visa.

During this period five Retirement visa applications have been refused. It should be noted, however, that in three instances this outcome was merely a means of lawful finalisation. That is, one of the applicants was deceased, one indicated an intention to withdraw their application and left Australia without providing formal notification and one moved onto a more appropriate visa. The remaining two applications were refused as a result of outstanding legal issues overseas.