

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARINGS: 17 OCTOBER 2011

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(SE11/0154) Program 1.1: Visa and Migration

Senator Cash asked:

Processing times - in all 457 visa processing locations: What has been the average time to process a 457 visa application in the last twelve months? What has been the average processing time in each month for the last twelve months in respect of 457 visa applications?

Answer:

The Department reports processing times for visa subclass 457 applications as the median rather than the average.

Outcome Month	Median Processing Times in days				
	NSW	VIC	WA	QLD	Australia
November 2010	14	24	17	na	17
December 2010	18	19	20	na	19
January 2011	32	27	25	na	29
February 2011	30	21	26	na	29
March 2011	24	20	33	na	24
April 2011	26	21	29	na	26
May 2011	30	21	27	na	28
June 2011	28	19	20	na	25
July 2011	28	20	20	21	25
August 2011	19	22	23	27	22
September 2011	14	20	22	33	21
October 2011	13	19	20	32	19
YTD	25	21	23	29	24