

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 17 OCTOBER 2011

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(SE11/0244) Program 4.1: Visa Compliance and Status Resolution

Senator Cash asked:

Have any visas been refused or cancelled as a result of applicants presenting fraudulent documents?

Answer:

Cancellations

In the 2010-2011 program year, 665 visas were cancelled as a result of fraud.

Refusals

In the 2010-2011 program year, 3 516 temporary visa applications were refused because of fraudulent activity, including production of fraudulent documentation.

In 2010-2011, 17 900 permanent visa applications were refused as a result of fraudulent documentation associated with the application.