

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 17 OCTOBER 2011

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(SE11/0259) Program 4.1: Visa Compliance and Status Resolution

Senator Cash (L&CA 115) asked:

Are you able to take on notice the numbers of women who have had access to the criminal justice visa in order to allow them to give evidence? How many have subsequently been given permanent residence in Australia?

Answer:

Since the People Trafficking Visa Framework was implemented in 2004 to the 25 November 2011, Criminal Justice Stay visas (CJSV) have been granted to 73 women to enable them to assist in the administration of criminal justice in an investigation or prosecution.

As at 25 November 2011, of the female CJSV holders, 51 have since been granted Witness Protection (Trafficking) (Permanent) visas (WPTV), enabling them to remain permanently in Australia.