

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 15 October 2012

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(SE12/0062) PROGRAM – Internal Product

Senator Cash (written) asked:

How many IMAs who have completed their IMR review and have a negative RSA are seeking further review in the courts or the RRT? Who is paying their legal expenses?

Answer:

As at 30 September 2012, there were 152 active matters in the Federal Magistrates' Court (FMC), 27 active matters in the Federal Court (FC) and eight matters in the High Court where persons with a negative independent merits review assessment are seeking further review in the courts. There was one matter in the FMC relating to an IMA who had sought review of his protection visa decision in the Refugee Review Tribunal (RRT).

As at 30 September 2012, there were 384 active matters involving IMAs seeking merits review of decisions on their protection visa applications in the RRT.

The question concerning payment of legal expenses has been answered in the response to Question on Notice SE12/0050.