

Question on notice no. 177

Portfolio question number: OBE22-177

2022-23 Budget estimates October and November

Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee, Home Affairs Portfolio

Senator Nick McKim: asked the Department of Home Affairs on 18 November 2022

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Answer —

Please see the attached answer.

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Program 2.2: Visas

OBE22-177 - Visa Processing - Protection Visas

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Answer:

Average number of days to finalise an application for a TPV or SHEV made by a Fast-Track Applicant (including subsequent applications) between 15 December 2014 and 13 October 2022:

Program year	785	790
2014–15	576	-
2015–16	689	264
2016–17	835	382
2017–18	700	573
2018–19	1,017	909
2019–20	1,303	1,282
2020–21	1,816	1,699
2021–22	1,987	1,918
2022–23	2,688	2,221