

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING : 23 February 2015

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(AE15/124) - Visa Application Charge - Partner Visa's - Programme 1.2 Visa and Citizenship (Administered)

Senator Carr, Kim (L&CA) written:

The MYEFO included a measure to increase the visa application charge for Partner Visas (subclass 100, 300, 309, 820, and 801) by 50 per cent.

- a. On what basis was the fee increase of 50% determined?
- b. Has the DIBP factored in a reduction in the number of partner visa applications in estimating the revenue from this measure across the forward estimates?
- c. When was the last time the fee was increased?

Answer:

- a. An increase to the Visa Application Charge was determined by the Government.
- b. Yes.
- c. The last increase was 1 September 2013, when it was increased by 15%.