

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES – 26 – 27 MAY 2014

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(BE14/144) PROGRAMME – 1.3: Migration, Border Management and Citizenship

Senator Singh (L&CA 104) asked:

Senator SINGH: I agree that that is a ridiculously long waiting period. It is absolutely ridiculous. I want to ask about medical treatment visas. What are the top 10 countries of origin for medical treatment visas?

Mr Fleming: Because medical treatment visas is such a small category I do not think I have the stats for it. I can get those on notice.

Answer:

Please see the below table:

Top 10 nationalities by citizenship for medical treatment visas granted in 2013-14 to 31 May 2014

Citizenship Country	2013-14 to 31/05/2014
France*	1306
Papua New Guinea	131
Fiji	117
Indonesia	104
United Kingdom	75
Nauru	61
Vietnam	60
Vanuatu	60
India	59
Philippines	56
Other Countries	588
Total	2 617

Source: Department of Immigration and Border Protection, 2014 (BE7396.01)
Data reflects statistical report produced on 6 June 2014.

* The Australian Government has a special arrangement with Evacuation Sanitaire ('Medical Evacuation'), a New Caledonian organisation which processes medical evacuations for French nationals. This accounts for the high rate of medical treatment visas granted to French citizens.