

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**BUDGET ESTIMATES – 26 – 27 MAY 2014**

**IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO**

**(BE14/327) PROGRAMME – 1.2: Visa and Citizenship**

Senator Carr (Written) asked:

How long, on average, does it take to process an offshore humanitarian visa from application to settlement?

*Answer:*

The average processing time from date of lodgement to date of grant for all offshore Refugee and Humanitarian (Class XB) cases granted visas between 1 July 2013 to 31 May 2014 was 49.4 weeks.