

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES – 26 – 27 MAY 2014

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(BE14/357) PROGRAMME – 1.2: Visa and Citizenship

Senator Carr (Written) asked:

In previous Estimates hearings, when asked about the cost of a pathway to permanent residence the Department has cited the Australian Government Actuary's report for their estimate of the costs. However, you have also observed criticisms of the report and mentioned that it is just one source of information.

What is the Department's estimate of the cost to the taxpayer of providing a pathway to permanent residence for retirement visa holders?

Answer:

The department does not have a formal estimate as to the costs of providing a pathway to permanent residence for Retirement (subclass 410) visa holders.