

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES – 26 – 27 MAY 2014

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(BE14/361) PROGRAMME – 1.2: Visa and Citizenship

Senator Carr (Written) asked:

What is the average time for a request to be decided by the Minister or the Assistant Minister?

Answer:

The average time for a request for Ministerial intervention to be assessed by the department and decided by the Minister or the Assistant Minister under s351 is 142 days.

The average time for a request for Ministerial intervention to be assessed by the department and decided by the Minister or the Assistant Minister under s417 is 152 days.

There is no average timeframe for a request for Ministerial intervention to be decided by the Minister or Assistant Minister under s195A, as the timeframes vary greatly depending on the caseload.