

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES – 20 OCTOBER 2014

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(SE14/461) PROGRAMME –

Senator Hanson-Young (Written) asked:

How many UAMs been denied family reunion? On what grounds have been denied family reunion?

Answer:

Concessionary arrangements for families proposed by minors under the ‘split family’ provisions of the Special Humanitarian Programme ended on 22 March 2014.

As at 27 November 2014, some 650 cases or 2 830 of the applications made before the concessions ended had been refused.

The applications were refused because they were found not to satisfy the ‘compelling reasons’ requirement in the *Migration Regulations 1994*.