QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

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IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(34) Output 1.1: Migration and Temporary Entry

Senator Bartlett (L&CA 25) asked:

In relation to the contributory parent visa category, do you have any information you could give me on how long it takes from date of application to determination, on average?

Answer:

Average processing times for Contributory Parent visas (based on all applicants) from date of application lodgement to finalisation are:

Migration Programme Year	Application location	Average (days)
2005/06	Offshore	257
	Onshore	216
2006/07 YTD	Offshore	353
	Onshore	267

Factors which can affect processing times in individual cases include:

- variations in time frames for health and character checking
- the "completeness" of the applications lodged, and
- whether there are bona fides or documentation issues which need to be investigated.