

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 9 FEBRUARY 2010

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(13) Program 1.1: Visa and Migration

Senator Trood (L&CA 39-40) asked:

Provide a current accounting of the number of people who are here on 410 visas, the total number of 410 visas granted, the number who are abroad and the number that are on 10-year visas.

Answer:

The Retirement (Subclass 410) visa commenced in 1988. It is not possible to provide a figure for the number of initial visas granted since commencement.

As at 31 December 2009 there were a total of 7433 Retirement visa holders.

Of these, 5381 were onshore and 2052 were offshore.

As at 31 December 2009, there were 657 visa holders with a visa valid for 10 years.