

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 9 FEBRUARY 2010

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(64) Program 6.1: Multicultural and Citizenship Services

Senator Fifield (L&CA 119) asked:

Are there particular backlogs at the moment at the Melbourne and Dandenong offices that you are aware of? It has been suggested to me that there is something in the order of a 6,000-person backlog. Would that be in the ballpark? That is, 6000 people that are beyond the 90-day turnaround.

Answer:

There are, as of 7 February, 1881 people who have been waiting more than 90 days for a decision. These form part of the on hand caseload awaiting decision in the Melbourne office: 4985 applications and the Dandenong office: 1052 applications.