

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 21 FEBRUARY 2011

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(54) Program 1.1: Visa and Migration

Senator Cash asked:

How many applications are currently pending for subclass 485 visas?

How many of those whose applications are pending are now on bridging visas awaiting the outcome of their application?

Answer:

There were a total of 32 177 Subclass 485 primary applications on hand with the Department of Immigration and Citizenship at 28 February 2011. Of this number, as at the same date, 21 848 applicants were on bridging visas awaiting the outcome of their Subclass 485 visa application.