

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 21 FEBRUARY 2011

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(55) Program 1.1: Visa and Migration

Senator Cash asked:

How many sub-class 485 visas are due to expire by the end of 2010, June 30 2011, December 31, 2012?

Answer:

- 20,872 subclass 485 primary and secondary visas had expired by 31 December 2010 since the subclass 485 visa was implemented in 2007.
- 3,008 subclass 485 primary and secondary visas expired in January and February 2011.

It is not possible to provide a precise figure for the number of visas that may expire in a future period because visas can expire, or cease to be in effect, for a variety of reasons that include the cancellation of the visa, the grant of another type of visa, or the passing of the date until which the visa was granted. Additionally, not all Subclass 485 visas due to expire in the last quarter of 2012 will have been granted until the end of June 2011.

Based on the number of Subclass 485 visas in effect on 1 March 2011 and their associated Lawful Until Dates, 3,797 Subclass 485 primary and secondary visas will expire in the period 1 March - 30 June 2011 and a further 12,760 will expire before 31 December 2012.