

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING: 13 FEBRUARY 2012**

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

**(AE12/0155) Program 1.1: Visa and Migration**

Senator Cash (L&CA 31) asked:

How many prospective marriage visa holders have applied for protection visas?

*Answer* (Amended on 15 June 2012)

From 1 July 2007 to 31 December 2011, a total of 221 Prospective Marriage visa holders have applied for protection since their arrival in Australia.

The table below illustrates how many Prospective Marriage visa holders have applied for protection per year.

2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-31/12/2011	Total
28	65	40	56	32	221

The Department has identified an error in the cross checking procedure that occurred when the system was interrogated for the statistics provided in response to the above question, hence the amended response above.