

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARINGS: 13 FEBRUARY 2012

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(AE12/0209) Program 1.1: Visa and Migration

Senator Cash asked:

What is the average processing time for subclass 457 visas granted under a labour agreement compared to those granted under a standard business sponsorship for the financial year to date?

Answer:

The median processing time for subclass 457 applications decided in 2011-12 to 31 January 2012 is provided in the table below.

Sponsorship Type	Median processing time (calendar days)
Labour Agreements	13
Standard Business Sponsorship	19
All	19

Source: Department of Immigration and Citizenship, 2012 (BE4873.03)