

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING: 13 FEBRUARY 2012

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(AE12/0478) Program 1.1: Visa and Migration

Senator Cash (L&CA 29) asked:

1. In relation to the applications that we are referring to [using documentation from the New South Wales Relationships Register or other state registration authorities], how many applications using such registration have been received by over-stayers or other visa holders to support protection visa applications?
2. What are the countries of origin of these applicants?

Answer

If it were provided, evidence of registration of a relationship would be held on file and recorded in case notes. The information is not recorded in a way which allows Departmental systems to report on the number of Protection visa applicants who have registered their relationship under a relevant law of a State or Territory on the basis of either a same-sex or opposite-sex relationship.