

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARINGS: 11 February 2013

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(AE13/0023) PROGRAM – 1.1: Visa and Migration

Senator Cash (L&CA 32) asked:

With the continuing growth of IMAs and given the increased staff (in Border management areas) by 299, can the department advise what impacts are being experienced and in particular what visa processing times are not being met?

Answer:

During the period 1 July to 31 December 2012, service standards were not met in 21 categories. The visa categories where service standards were not met are listed below.

Working Holiday – subclass 417
Employee Nomination Scheme – subclass 121
Employee Nomination Scheme – subclass 856
Student – Independent ELICOS – 570
Student visa – Schools Sector – subclass 571
Student visa – Vocational Education and Training Sector – subclass 572
Student visa – Higher Education Sector – subclass 573
Student visa – Postgraduate Research Sector – subclass 574
Student visa – Non-Award Sector – subclass 575
Student visa – AusAID or Defence Sponsored – subclass 576
Investor Retirement – subclass 405
Foreign Government Agency – subclass 415
Domestic Worker (Temporary) - Diplomatic or Consular – subclass 426
Domestic Worker (Temporary) – Executive – subclass 427
New Zealand Citizen Family Relationship (Temporary) – 461
Medical Treatment (Long Stay) – subclass 685
Child- Adoption (Permanent) – subclass 102
Orphan Relative (Permanent) – subclass 117
Child Permanent – subclass 802
Partner Temporary – subclass 820
Regional Sponsored Migration Scheme – subclass 857