

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARINGS: 11 February 2013**

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

**(AE13/0148) PROGRAM – Migration Review Tribunal and Refugee Review Tribunal**

Senator Cash (Written) asked:

What is the set aside rate for spouse and prospective spouse visas? What is the absolute number of those cases? I.e. how many spouse visas were reviewed and how many were set aside?

*Answer:*

The set aside rate for reviews of Spouse and Prospective Spouse visa decisions and the number of cases set aside for the periods 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13 to 11 February 2013 are given below:

<b>Spouse and Prospective spouse visas</b>	<b>2010/11</b>	<b>2011/12</b>	<b>2012/13 to 11 February 2013</b>
<b>Number of cases reviewed</b>	937	1 108	852
<b>Number set aside</b>	579	613	457
<b>Set aside rate</b>	62%	55%	54%