

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARINGS: 11 February 2013

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(AE13/0339) PROGRAM – 2.1: Refugee and Humanitarian Assistance

Senator Cash (Written) asked:

How many IMAs had not received a primary RSA decision prior to March 24? How many IMAs have turned up since March 24? How many primary negative RSA decisions have been handed down for IMAs since March 24? How many of the cases have resulted in appeals being lodged with the RRT? Will these appeals be funded by the taxpayer?

Answer:

There were approximately 1 600 clients who had not received a primary RSA decision prior to 24 March 2012.

Annual and quarterly figures for the number of IMAs and Protection visa grant and refusal rates for IMAs are published on the DIAC website at:

www.immi.gov.au/media/publications/statistics/asylum/

<http://www.immi.gov.au/media/publications/statistics/asylum/files/asylum-trends-aus-annual-2011-12.pdf>

At 11 February 2013, the RRT had received 1 241 IMA review applications.

Funding under the Immigration Advice and Application Assistance Scheme includes review by the RRT where the applicant meets the eligibility criteria.