

## **QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

### **ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES - 25 FEBRUARY 2014**

#### **IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO**

#### **(AE14/121) PROGRAMME – 4.1: Visa Compliance and Status resolution**

Senator Carr (Written) asked:

How many people are currently on bridging visas?

How many of these people do you expect will apply for a secondary bridging visa?

How many people in total are currently on bridging visas?

*Answer:*

As at 25 February 2014, there were 23 616 illegal maritime arrivals in the community who had been granted a Bridging E visa.

Of these, 11 804 had visas which were in effect and 11 812 had visas which had ceased.

The process of assessing and granting further Bridging E visas to illegal maritime arrivals in the community whose previous Bridging E visa has ceased has recommenced, and is subject to each individual aged 18 years and older signing the Code of Behaviour.