

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES - 25 FEBRUARY 2014

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(AE14/233) PROGRAMME – 1.1: Visa and Migration

Senator Carr (Written) asked:

The Department website notes that most of the 585 Other Family visa places will be allocated to the Carer visa category with fewer places allocated to the Remaining Relative and Aged Dependent Relative visa categories.

How many will be allocated to the Remaining Relative and Aged Dependent Relative visa categories?

Answer:

Of the 585 Other Family visa places available in the 2013-14 Migration Programme, a majority of places will be allocated to the carer visa category on the basis of Ministerial Direction number 62, which affords priority to Carer visa applicants ahead of both Remaining Relative and Aged Dependent Relative visa applicants.

To maintain flexibility in managing the pipeline of applicants within the 585 Other Family visa places, the department does not allocate a predefined number of places to Carer, Remaining Relative and Aged Dependent Relative visa applicants.