

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

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IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(14) Program 1.1: Visa and Migration

Senator Fifield (L&CA 87) asked:

How many people apply for permanent residency in Australia, not specifically people with a medical conditions or a disability, just overall?

Answer:

In 2007-08 a total of 269 651 people applied for a permanent residence visa. This is the total number of applicants for permanent Migration and Humanitarian Program visas, and includes provisional visas such as the first stage partner visa, which normally leads to a second stage permanent visa. The figure does not include applicants for Protection visas (which during 2007-08 included applications for Temporary Protection Visas) or second stage visas.