

## QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

### BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 27 MAY 2009

#### IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

#### (8) Program 1.1 Visa and Migration

Senator Fierravanti-Wells (L&CA 76-77) asked:

I refer to the skilled migrants' settlement areas. Have any more gone into regional and rural areas? Do you have the latest figures to show where they are going?

I am asking for a snapshot. Migrants have gone into Victoria, but have they gone into regional Victoria or into metropolitan areas?

*Answer:*

The following statistics are provided in response to Senator Fierravanti-Wells' question.

These statistics are drawn from a number of data sources across Commonwealth agencies, including Medicare. They include data collected in non-mandatory forms, and include a significant number where residence is unknown. Recent years figures include high numbers where residence is unknown, and over time this figure reduces as new data becomes available.

#### **SKILLED MIGRANT arrivals in Australia Primary and secondary applicants (including dependants) - FY2004-2009**

Metro/Regional	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	Grand Total
<b>Metropolitan</b>	<b>69,953</b>	<b>73,890</b>	<b>66,495</b>	<b>53,891</b>	<b>37,948</b>	<b>302,177</b>
<b>Regional</b>	<b>8,493</b>	<b>9,787</b>	<b>9,736</b>	<b>8,627</b>	<b>5,877</b>	<b>42,520</b>
<b>Not Recorded</b>	<b>9,710</b>	<b>14,179</b>	<b>20,700</b>	<b>29,992</b>	<b>36,332</b>	<b>110,913</b>
Grand Total	88,156	97,856	96,931	92,510	80,157	455,610

#### **Residence by Statistical Division in VIC (Including dependants)**

Statistical Division	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	Grand Total
<b>Barwon</b>	<b>347</b>	<b>423</b>	<b>356</b>	<b>321</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>1644</b>
<b>Central Highland</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>625</b>
<b>East Gippsland</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>199</b>
<b>Gippsland</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>532</b>
<b>Goulburn</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>596</b>
<b>Loddon</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>509</b>
<b>Mallee</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>244</b>
<b>Melbourne</b>	<b>21,125</b>	<b>22,444</b>	<b>20,621</b>	<b>16,462</b>	<b>11,495</b>	<b>92,147</b>
<b>Ovens-Murray</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>284</b>
<b>Western District</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>288</b>
<b>Wimmera</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>146</b>
<b>Not Recorded</b>	<b>1,319</b>	<b>2,216</b>	<b>1,314</b>	<b>1,178</b>	<b>2,279</b>	<b>8,306</b>
Grand Total	23,465	25,832	23,142	18,650	14,431	105,520