

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 26 MAY 2010

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(17) Program 1.1: Visa and Migration

Senators Humphries and Barnett (L&C 46-47) asked:

1. The budget for 2010-11 demonstrates a decrease of almost \$32 million in administered revenues for the 2009-10 financial year as a result of eligibility changes to visa revenue. What proportion of the total of the visa application fee revenue is represented by that \$32 million figure?
2. Could you provide a breakdown of that revenue with visa types in both the money and the percentage?

Answer:

1. The decrease in administered revenue of an estimated \$31.731 million dollars represents an estimated reduction of approximately 3.1% of the total visa application fees for 2009-10 as per the table below.

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| Estimated 2009-10 VAC Variation | (31,730,794) |
| Estimated Total 2009-10 Administered Revenue | 1,020,255,000 |
| VAC Variation in Proportion to the Estimated Total 2009-10 Administered Revenue | -3.1% |

2. The table below highlights the breakdown of the estimated administered revenue of \$31.731 million by visa class and against revenue impact and percentage impact.

The estimated \$31.731 million net reduction is a combination of a reduction of approximately \$34.791 million of revenue in the offshore visa cohort and an increase of approximately \$3.060 million of revenue in the onshore cohort.

| Visa Subclass Class | Percentage of Estimated Total Revenue | Total Estimated Administered Revenue Variation |
|-----------------------------------|--|---|
| Offshore applications | | |
| 175 - Skilled Independent | -1.56% | (15,874,697.21) |
| 176 - Skilled Sponsored | -1.00% | (10,171,213.18) |
| 475 - Skilled Regional Sponsored | -0.81% | (8,270,051.84) |
| 476 - Skilled Recognised Graduate | -0.05% | (475,290.34) |
| Total offshore | -3.41% | (34,791,252.57) |
| Onshore applications | | |
| 487 - Skilled Regional Sponsored | 0.04% | 360,053.95 |
| 885 - Skilled Independent | 0.09% | 876,131.28 |
| 886 - Skilled Sponsored | 0.18% | 1,824,273.34 |
| Total onshore | 0.30% | 3,060,458.57 |
| Total Revenue Variation | -3.11% | (31,730,794.00) |

Note: Percentages are subject to rounding