

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE:**

**BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 26 MAY 2010**

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

**(18) Program 1.1: Visa and Migration**

Senator Barnett (L&C 47) asked:

Provide a breakdown of the \$274 million (the second instalment visa application charges).

*Answer:*

The second instalment visa application charge (VAC) is primarily a contribution towards a range of services and is applied to a number of visa categories. These categories include:

- Parent Migration (visa categories for Parent, Aged Parent, Contributory Parent, and Contributory Aged Parent). The second instalment VAC is applied to each person on the application including a lesser fee for applicants under 18 years old for health services.
- Other Family Migration (visa categories for Aged Dependent Relative, Remaining Relative). The second instalment VAC is payable to Health Services Australia for a medical assessment of the person requiring care.
- Employer Sponsored Migration (visa categories for Employer Nomination Scheme (ENS), Regional Sponsored Migration Scheme (RSMS), Labour Agreement (LA) and Invest Australia Supported Skills (IASS) Agreement). The second instalment VAC charges apply to the primary applicant who has less than vocational or functional English and any dependants (18 years or over) with less than functional English. Religious workers are excluded from paying the second instalment of the Visa Application charge for ENS, RSMS and LA.
- General Skilled Migration (visa categories for Skilled Independent, Recognised Graduate, Regional and Independent Regional). The second instalment VAC is applied to the dependants (18 years or over) with less than a functional level of English.
- Business Skills Migration (visa categories for Business Owner, Senior Executive, Investor, Business Talent, Established Business in Australia). The second instalment VAC is applied to a primary applicant who has less than functional English and any dependants (18 years or over) with less than functional English. However the charge for primary applicants is not applicable to all visa types.
- Special Migration (visa categories for Special Eligibility and Distinguished talent). The second instalment VAC relates to a primary applicant who has less than functional English and any dependants (18 years or over) with less than functional English.

The following table provides an analysis of the second instalment VAC across the visa sub classes for 2010 -11.

<b>Category</b>	<b>Visa Subclass</b>	<b>Estimated Revenue 2010-11</b>
Family	Aged Dependent Relative Offshore -subclass 114	\$239,760
	Aged Dependent Relative Offshore -subclass 838	\$57,720
	Aged Parent Onshore - subclass 804	\$888,000
	Carer – subclass 116	\$1,514,040
	Carer – subclass 836	\$256,040
	Contributory Aged Parent Onshore – subclass 864	\$16,615,660
	Contributory Aged Parent Temporary Onshore - subclass 884	\$576,660
	Contributory Parent Offshore – subclass 143	\$206,433,420
	Contributory Parent Temporary Offshore – subclass 173	\$24,498,045
	Parent Offshore - subclass 103	\$2,072,000
	Preferential Family/Remaining Relative – subclass 115	\$927,960
	Remaining Relative Onshore – subclass 835	\$245,680
	Skilled	Employer Nominated Scheme (ENS) / Regional Sponsored Migration Scheme (RSMS) / Labour Agreement
Special Eligibility	Investor Retirement – subclass 405	\$198,360
	<b>Total estimated revenue 2010-11</b>	<b>\$274,897,105</b>