

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 26 May 2010

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(2) Program: Portfolio Tribunals (MRT-RRT)

Senator Humphries (L&CA 15-16) asked:

You said that people with a low set-aside rate would not necessarily have that factor dominate the consideration of their reappointment. You said that a range of factors might contribute to that. If that were the case you would expect that people with the lowest set-aside rates would have no greater or lesser expectation of being reappointed than anybody else. Can we find out whether those with the lowest set-aside rates have, indeed, been reappointed in the last round for which decisions have been made?

Answer:

The Refugee Review Tribunal (the RRT) set aside rate for all decisions made during the period of 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2009 was 20%. Set aside rates may vary between Members depending on the range of cases a Member may deal with and may vary over time with changing circumstances in source countries.

Of the 5 Members who unsuccessfully applied for a further term of appointment in 2009, 3 had a set aside rate higher than the overall RRT aside rate and 2 had a set aside rate lower than the overall RRT set aside rate in the 3 years to 30 June 2009.

There were 10 Members who were appointed for a further term from 1 July 2009 who had RRT set aside rates lower than any of the 5 Members who were not successful in their applications for a further term of appointment.