

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 23 MAY 2011**

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

**(BE11/0084) Program 1.1: Visa and Migration**

Senator Cash (L&CA 32) asked:

*Question:*

The number of domestic violence cases the department has seen over the last year.

*Answer:*

The following table sets out the number of family violence claims over the last three program years, the number of referrals to Centrelink and the outcome of referrals.

**Partner Lodgements 01 July 2008 to 30 April 2011 (Persons)**

	<b>2008/09</b>	<b>2009/10</b>	<b>2010/11 to 30 April</b>
Total Partner Visa Lodgements	48 360	50 218	44 996
Family Violence Claims Made	752	730	817
Claims as % Lodgement	1.6%	1.5%	1.8%

<b>Claims Referred to Centrelink</b>			
Total cases referred	99	117	190
Meets Provisions	55	76	59
Does not meet Provisions	43	40	60
No Result/Withdrawn	1	1	71
% of claims referred	13%	16%	23%