

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 24 MAY 2011**

**IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO**

**(BE11/0097) Program 1.1: Visa and Migration**

Senator Cash asked:

What is the average processing time for those 457 visas subject to Labour Agreements and those which are not?

*Answer:*

The median processing time for the grant of a Subclass 457 primary visa application is in the table below.

	2009-2010	2010-2011 As at 31 May 2011
Under a Labour Agreement	37 calendar days	18 calendar days
Under standard business sponsorship	21 calendar days	23 calendar days