

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 24 MAY 2011**

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

**(BE11/0283) Program 3.1: Border Management**

Senator Eggleston (L&CA written) asked:

What is the average time taken for China to provide their approval of an applicant?

*Answer:*

Individual APEC economies do not have access to the processing times of other economies. Australia would need to send a formal request to China to obtain information on their average processing times and their permission to release this information.