

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 21-22 MAY 2012

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE12/0205) Program 1.1: Visa and Migration

Senator Cash (written) asked:

457 visas: What is the average processing time for subclass 457 visas granted under a Labor Agreement compared to those granted under a standard business sponsorship for the financial year to date? How many are subject to a Labor Agreement?

Answer:

As at 30 April 2012, the median processing time for subclass 457 visas granted under a Labour Agreement was 14 days compared with 17 days under the standard 457 program.

In 2011-12 to 30 April 2012, 1 850 Subclass 457 primary visas have been granted under a Labour Agreement.