

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 21-22 MAY 2012

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE12/0246 and BE12/0248) Program 2.1: Refugee and Humanitarian Assistance

Senator Cash (L&CA 35-36) asked:

BE12/0246 Do you have a breakdown of how long it takes for IMAs to receive a 'yes' at primary stage and how long it takes for those who received an initial 'no'?

How many who received a 'no' at primary then go on to receive a 'yes' at review?

BE12/0248 Provide the breakdown in relation to the visa processing times - the difference between those who received a 'yes' at primary decision and those who received a 'no' and how long it actually takes?

Answer:

The tables below provide information on the average processing times from screening in to primary decision and arrival to visa grant for all IMAs by processing decision for period 1 July 2011 to 30 April 2012.

Average processing times from screening in to primary decision by primary 1A outcome.

July 2011 – April 2012	Time
Met	103 days
Not Met	107 days

Average processing times from arrival to visa grant by primary 1A outcome.

July 2011 – April 2012	Time
Met	252 days
Not Met*	483 days

*These are clients that were granted a visa in 2011-12 following a 1A Met finding at review.

For the period 1 July 2011 to 30 April 2012, there were 2469 clients finalised at review who initially received a 'no' at primary stage.

Of these, 80% or 1969 clients received a 'yes' at review.

Note: The figures provided are drawn from historical operational data, which were initially held in multiple, manually-maintained data repositories. Due to different sources and methodologies employed over time, these figures may differ slightly from figures published elsewhere. All figures have been rounded to the nearest full day.