

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 21-22 MAY 2012

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE12/0287) Program 3.1: Border management

Senator Cash (L&CA 61) asked:

By country of origin, how many visas have been refused or cancelled as a result of applicants presenting fraudulent documents?

Answer:

In the period 1 July 2011 to 30 April 2012, a total of 373 visa cancellations were categorised as cases where fraud was recorded in applications. A breakdown of visa cancellation by country of origin is at Attachment A.

In the period 1 July 2011 to 30 April 2012, a total of 2484 visa applications were refused and categorised as cases where fraud was recorded in applications. A breakdown of visa cancellation by country of origin is at Attachment B.