

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 21-22 MAY 2012

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE12/0437) Program 4.2: Onshore Detention Network

Senator Cash (L&CA) asked:

What is the standard length of time for a bridging visa to be issued for?

Answer:

Bridging visas are issued for 12 months for clients who have been found to have engaged Australia's protection obligations at the time of visa grant, 6 months for clients who are at merits review and judicial review, and 3 months for clients on a negative immigration pathway.