

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 27-28 May 2013

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE13/0007) PROGRAM – 4.1: Visa Compliance and Status Resolution

Senator Hanson-Young (L&CA 25) asked:

Mr Bowles: Again, we can go to that in outcome 4. We do not necessarily get down to specific line items for budgeting into the future for returns to Sri Lanka, for instance, but we can give you the costs that we have.

Senator HANSON-YOUNG: I have a question around the bridging visas—and you reference bridging visas in your opening statement as well. When does the first lot of bridging visas that are being used for IMAs who arrived post August 2013 expire? Is there a date for those?

Mr Bowles: I would have to find that out. We will see if we can find it out and put it in the relevant outcome.

Answer:

The Bridging visas of the first release of Irregular Maritime Arrivals who arrived on or after 13 August 2012 expired on 4 June 2013.