

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 27-28 May 2013

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE13/0025) PROGRAM – 1.1: Visa and Migration

Senator Cash (L&CA 54) asked:

Senator CASH: In relation to the 457 visas granted in 2012-13, is the figure 61,477 correct?

Mr Kukoc: Could you please repeat that, Senator?

Senator CASH: It is 61,477 primary—

Mr Kukoc: Primary visa applications? Are we talking about lodgements? I can check that.

Answer:

As at 30 April 2013, 56 950 Subclass 457 primary visas have been granted in 2012-13.

The figure of 61 477 relates to the number of Subclass 457 primary visa applications lodged in 2012-13 to 30 April 2013.