

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 27-28 May 2013

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE13/0027) PROGRAM – 4.1: Visa Compliance and Status Resolution

Senator Cash (L&CA 58) asked:

Senator CASH: Do you keep statistics on that?

Ms Marie-Louise Smith: I do not have anything here with me at the moment, but I could take that on notice and see what we can find.

Answer:

As per standard operating procedures, all 540 allegations were subject to investigation to ascertain if further action was required. 482 of these allegations were referred to other areas of the Department for further investigation and/or administrative action, such as visa cancellation, refusal, 457 sponsor monitoring or a finding that no further administrative action was required. Of the remainder four were referred to external agencies and 54 were finalised upon receipt as unsubstantiated.

Statistics are not maintained on the investigation outcome of an allegation within each category, such as the Employer/Sponsor Breach category.