

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 27-28 May 2013

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE13/0065) PROGRAM – 4.1: Visa Compliance and Status Resolution

Senator Cash (L&CA 108) asked:

Senator CASH: How many have been issued to date?

Mr Bowles: Around 4,000.

Senator CASH: How did you determine which 4,000 to issue them to?

Mr Bowles: I do not specifically know.

Senator CASH: Could you find that out?

Mr Bowles: Yes. It is probably trialling it in two different types of groups.

Senator CASH: So it will be 2,000 and 2,000 potentially?

Mr Bowles: I do not specifically know, but potentially something like that.

Answer:

As of 27 May 2013, a total of 4267 ImmiCards had been issued to clients. Of these, 222 were issued to Protection visa holders (Permanent Resident Evidence ImmiCards) and 4045 were issued to Irregular Maritime Arrivals Bridging visa E holders (Evidence of Immigration Status ImmiCards).