

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 27-28 MAY 2013

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE13/0212) PROGRAM – MRT-RRT

Senator Cash (Written) asked:

In the financial year to date, what percentage of RRT cases have been completed within the 90 day requirement? What are the reasons that they haven't?

Answer:

In the financial year to 31 May 2013, 31 per cent of RRT cases were completed within the 90 day timeframe. Compliance with the 90 day timeframe has been affected by a higher than expected volume of applications for review including the introduction of the Irregular Maritime Arrival caseload. In previous years, compliance with the 90 day timeframe has been over 70 per cent. RRT reviews are among the most complex applications for review processed by the MRT-RRT and require more time to finalise than most other cases. Detention cases have had priority and 73 per cent of these cases are processed within 90 days.