

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 27-28 May 2013

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE13/0245) PROGRAM – 1.1: Visa and Migration

Senator Cash (Written) asked:

How many visas are issued on the basis of electronic lodgements?

Answer:

The number of visas issued by visa category in the program year 2012-13 (to 30 April 2013) where the application was e-lodged is shown in the following tables. Data has been separated for temporary and permanent visa grants. Raw visa grants produces a different result to Migration Program outcomes (see footnote 2).

Temporary Visa Category	2012-13 to 30/04/13 eVisa grants (persons)
Visitor visas	843 454
Student visas (includes student guardians)	136 492
Working Holiday, and, Work and Holiday	214 893
Subclass 457 ⁽¹⁾ Temporary Work (Skilled)	95 792
Other Temporary Resident visas	27 369
Total	1 318 000

Permanent Visa Category	2012-13 to 30/04/13 eVisa grants⁽²⁾ (persons)
Business Skills	94
Employer Sponsored	8 391
Skilled Independent	31 711
State/Territory Nominated	15 976
Skilled Regional	6 007
Skill Stream (permanent) Total	62 179
Resident Return	31 285
Total	93 464

¹ Includes Independent Executives.

² Grants is a count of total grants during the period, including grants to New Zealand citizens and of permanent grants to persons counted in previous period under a provisional grant. It also includes persons whose visa was granted and cancelled in the same reporting period.

Note: All data has been extracted from a 'live system'. As this system is constantly updated there will be slight variations in data across different extract dates.