

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 27-28 May 2013

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE13/0256) PROGRAM – 1.1: Visa and Migration

Senator Cash (Written) asked:

What are the current Temporary Work Visa Processing Times? How do these compare with the Processing Time Service Standards?

Answer:

Temporary Work visa processing times and service standards for the period 1 July 2012 to 30 April 2013 are set out in the table below.

Visa Subclass and Name	Processing Times Service Standards (within which 75% of applications are to be finalised)	2012-13 to 30 April 2013	
		% finalised within service standard	Days to finalise 75% of cases
400 Temporary Work (Short Stay Activity)- formerly subclass 456 Business (Short Stay)	Low risk: 1 day High risk: 1 month	93.0%	6
401 Temporary Work (Long Stay Activity)	Low risk: 2 months High risk: 3 months	92.8%	37
403 Temporary Work (International Relations)	Low risk: 2 months High risk: 3 months	98.2%	30
420 Temporary Work (Entertainment)	Low risk: 2 months High risk: 3 months	99.1%	20

Footnote: The terms 'Low risk' and 'High risk' show whether passport holders are eligible to apply for an Electronic Travel Authority (ETA). 'Low risk' applies to nationals from countries which issue ETA eligible passports. 'High risk' countries are those which are not ETA eligible.