

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 27-28 May 2013

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE13/0257) PROGRAM – 1.1: Visa and Migration

Senator Cash (Written) asked:

What are the current Business Innovation and Investment Visa Processing Times? How do these compare with the Processing Time Service Standards?

Answer:

Business Innovation and Investment 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
132 Business Talent (Permanent)	Low risk: 11 months (onshore) High risk: 22 months (onshore) Low risk: 9 months (offshore) High risk: 28 months (offshore)	96.0	553
188 Business Innovation and Investment	Low risk: 11 months (onshore) High risk: 22 months (onshore) Low risk: 9 months (offshore) High risk: 28 months (offshore)	100.0	32
888 Business Innovation and Investment	Low risk: 11 months (onshore) High risk: 22 months (onshore) Low risk: 9 months (offshore) High risk: 28 months (offshore)	N/A	N/A

Footnote: 1. 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.

2. Business Innovation and Investment (subclass 888) is a new subclass introduced on 1 July 2012 and no cases have been finalised within this reporting period.