

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 27-28 May 2013

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE13/0258) PROGRAM – 1.1: Visa and Migration

Senator Cash (Written) asked:

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

Answer:

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

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
119 Regional Sponsored Migration Scheme	Low risk: 5 months High risk: 8 months	55.1	278
120 Labour Agreements	Low risk: 5 months High risk: 8 months	80.7	151
121 Employee Nomination Scheme	Low risk: 5 months High risk: 8 months	58.9	252
132 Business Talent (Permanent)	Onshore: Low risk: 11 months High risk: 22 months Offshore: Low risk: 9 months High risk: 28 months	96.0	553
163 State/Territory Sponsored Business Owner (Provisional)	Onshore: Low risk: 11 months High risk: 22 months Offshore: Low risk: 9 months High risk: 28 months	97.2	484
164 State/Territory Sponsored Senior Executive (Provisional)	Onshore: Low risk: 11 months High risk: 22 months Offshore: Low risk: 9 months High risk: 28 months	97.8	559
165 State/Territory Sponsored Investor	Onshore: Low risk: 11 months High risk: 22 months Offshore: Low risk: 9 months High risk: 28 months	70.0	582
175 Skilled Independent (Migrant)	18 months	80.8	890
176 Skilled Sponsored (Migrant)	18 months	73.8	579
475 Regional Sponsored (Provisional)	18 months	89.4	1112
487 Regional Sponsored (Provisional)	18 months	94.6	1127
845 Established Business in Australia	Onshore: Low risk: 11 months High risk: 22 months Offshore: Low risk: 9 months High risk: 28 months	99.3	231
855 Meat Industry Labour Agreement	Low risk: 5 months High risk: 8 months	68.6	252
856 Employee Nomination Scheme	Low risk: 5 months High risk: 8 months	63.9	232

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		% finalised within service standard	Days to finalise 75% of cases
857 Regional Sponsored Migration Scheme	Low risk: 5 months High risk: 8 months	47.2	286
885 Skilled Independent (Residence)	18 months	91.6	1107
886 Skilled Sponsored (Residence)	12 months	76.8	1481
887 Skilled - Regional (Residence)	6 months	93.4	79
890 Business Owner (Residence)	Onshore: Low risk: 11 months High risk: 22 months Offshore: Low risk: 9 months High risk: 28 months	100.0	218
892 - State/Territory Sponsored Business Owner (Residence)	Onshore: Low risk: 11 months High risk: 22 months Offshore: Low risk: 9 months High risk: 28 months	99.7	212
893 - State/Territory Sponsored Investor (Residence)	Onshore: Low risk: 11 months High risk: 22 months Offshore: Low risk: 9 months High risk: 28 months	100.0	170
489 Skilled nominated or Sponsored (Provisional)	6 months	98.7	97
190 Skilled Nominated	6 months	97.8	82
189 Skilled Independent	12 months	100.0	82
186 Employee Nomination Scheme (post 1 July 2012)	6 months	79.7	172
187 Regional Sponsored Migration Scheme (post 1 July 2012)	6 months	77.7	175
188 Business Innovation and Investment	Onshore: Low risk: 11 months High risk: 22 months Offshore: Low risk: 9 months High risk: 28 months	100.0	32
888 Business Innovation and Investment	Onshore: Low risk: 11 months High risk: 22 months Offshore: Low risk: 9 months High risk: 28 months	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.