

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 27-28 May 2013

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE13/0259) PROGRAM – 1.1: Visa and Migration

Senator Cash (Written) asked:

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

Answer:

Family Migration 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
100 Partner Permanent	Onshore: Low risk: 7 months High risk: 8 months Offshore: Low risk:3 months High risk: 14 months	77.8	197
101 Child	Onshore: Low risk: 7 months High risk: 8 months Offshore: Low risk:3 months High risk: 14 months	84.0	242
102 Child- Adoption (Permanent)	Onshore: Low risk: 7 months High risk: 8 months Offshore: Low risk:3 months High risk: 14 months	70.5	198
117 Orphan Relative (Permanent)	Onshore: Low risk: 6 months High risk: 9 months Offshore: Low risk: 9 months High risk: 12 months	48.6	714
151 Former Resident	Onshore: Low risk: n/a High risk: n/a Offshore: Low risk:5 months High risk:12 months	93.8	1

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
300 Prospective Marriage	Onshore: Low risk: 6 months High risk: 8 months Offshore: Low risk: 5 months High risk: 12 months	81.1	236
309 Partner Temporary	Onshore: Low risk: 7 months High risk: 8 months Offshore: Low risk:3 months High risk: 14 months	81.9	239
445 Dependent Child	Low risk: 2 months High risk: 3 months	90.3	240
461 New Zealand Citizen Family Relationship (Temporary)	Onshore: Low risk: 6 months High risk: 8 months Offshore: Low risk: 6 months High risk: 8 months	42.0	129
801 Partner Permanent	Onshore: Low risk: 7 months High risk: 8 months Offshore: Low risk:3 months High risk: 14 months	83.6	110
802 Child Permanent	Onshore: Low risk: 6 months High risk: 8 months Offshore: Low risk: 5 months High risk: 12 months	56.8	356
820 Partner Temporary	Onshore: Low risk: 7 months High risk: 8 months Offshore: Low risk:3 months High risk: 14 months	50.7	253

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.