

## QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

### BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 27-28 May 2013

#### IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

#### (BE13/0283) PROGRAM – 1.1: Visa and Migration

Senator Cash (Written) asked:

In 2012-13, how many visas have been granted by visa category?

*Answer:*

The number of visa grants by visa category in the program year 2012-13 (to 30 April 2013) is set out 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).

<b>Temporary Visa Category</b>	<b>2012-13 to 30/04/13 Grants ( persons)</b>
Visitor visas	3 215 102
Student visas (includes student guardians)	216 172
Working Holiday, and, Work and Holiday	218 750
Subclass 457 <sup>(1)</sup> Temporary Work (Skilled)	105 072
Other Temporary Resident visas	65 676
<b>Total</b>	<b>3 820 772</b>

<b>Permanent Visa Category</b>	<b>2012-13 to 30/04/13 Grants <sup>(2)</sup> ( persons)</b>
Child	3 319
Contributory Parent	6 081
Parent	1 993
Other Family	1 134
Partner	88 278
<b>Family Stream (permanent) Total</b>	<b>100 805</b>
Business Skills	8 392
Distinguished Talent	194
Employer Sponsored	36 828
Skilled Independent	34 826
State/Territory Nominated	17 344
Skilled Regional	7 425
<b>Skill Stream (permanent) Total</b>	<b>105 009</b>
<b>Special Eligibility</b>	<b>646</b>
<b>Resident Return</b>	<b>76 036</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>282 496</b>

<sup>1</sup> *Includes Independent Executives.*

<sup>2</sup> *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.*