

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 27-28 May 2013

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE13/0305) PROGRAM –

Senator Cash (Written) asked:

Had the 45 day rule been applied by the government, would any of those have been eligible to apply?

Answer:

Annual and quarterly figures for grant and refusal rates for IMAs and non-IMAs (including student visa holders who have subsequently applied for a Protection visa) are published on the DIAC website at:

www.immi.gov.au/media/publications/statistics/asylum/

<http://www.immi.gov.au/media/publications/statistics/asylum/files/asylum-trends-aus-annual-2011-12.pdf>

The 45-day rule affected only the work rights of bridging visa holders. It is not relevant to the grant rate in 2011-12 and 2012-13 for former student visa holders.