

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 31 May 2013

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE13/0333) PROGRAM – 4.1: Visa Compliance and Status Resolution

Senator Cash (Written) asked:

How many reports did the DIAC Dob-IN hotline receive in 2012-13? Of those reports, how many investigations were launched?

Answer:

The department finalised 23,522 allegations up until and including 31 May 2013. As per standard operating procedures, all allegations were subject to investigation to ascertain if further action was required. 14,505 of these allegations were referred to various areas of the Department for further investigation and/or administrative action. Such action could include visa cancellation, refusal, 457 sponsor monitoring or a finding that after further examination, no further action was required. The Department does not keep statistics on specific finalization outcomes.

The remaining 9,017 resulted in no referral action and were recorded in relevant systems to enable matching with any future allegations received that may enable further action to be taken.