

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

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

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

**(BE13/0424) PROGRAM –**

Senator Cash (Written) asked:

How many complementary protection visas have been decided by the department? The RRT? The Minister?

*Answer:*

Since the introduction of the complementary protection provision there have been 46 Protection visa grants on complementary protection grounds. The department granted 12 Protection visas at the primary stage. The Refugee Review Tribunal (RRT) does not grant Protection visas but rather, where they determine a Protection visa application meets the complementary protection criteria, they remit the case back to the department for re-consideration. The department has granted 34 Protection visas following remittal by the RRT on complementary protection grounds. The Minister does not exercise his public interest powers to grant Protection visas.