

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 30 October 2006

IMMIGRATION AND MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO

(195) Output 1.3: Enforcement of Immigration Law

Senator Nettle (L&CA 94) asked:

How many people are on Bridging Visa E, how many people are asylum seekers on Bridging Visa E, and also how many people on Bridging Visa E have work rights, in each of those two categories?

Answer:

DIMA systems as at 10 November 2006 indicate that:

- a. 7,021 clients in total have a Bridging Visa E in effect. Of these, 2,547 have work rights; and
- b. 311 asylum seekers (whose claims have not been finally determined) have a Bridging Visa E in effect. Of these, 144 have work rights.