

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 21 OCTOBER 2008

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(12) Output: Portfolio Tribunals (MRT-RRT)

Senator Fierravanti-Wells (L&CA 22) asked:

How many clients fail to appear in support of their applications to the MRT and RRT? Provide a breakdown.

Answer:

During 2007-08, in the 3,735 decided cases where an MRT applicant was invited to a hearing, the applicant did not appear before the Tribunal in 282 cases (7.5%).

During 2007-08, in the 2,077 decided cases where an RRT applicant was invited to a hearing, the applicant did not appear before the Tribunal in 401 cases (19.3%).

A breakdown by visa category is provided in a table below.

Visa category	Hearing offered	Applicant did not attend
Bridging refusal	140	8
Visitor refusal	232	16
Student refusal	227	29
Temporary business refusal	148	9
Permanent business refusal	96	7
Skill linked refusal	323	43
Partner refusal	1,224	54
Family refusal	429	22
Student cancellation	626	54
Sponsor approval refusal	36	3
Protection visa	2,077	401
Other	254	37
Total	5,812	683