

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 21 OCTOBER 2008

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(36) Output 1.1: Migration and Temporary Entry

Senator Ellison (L&CA 75) asked:

Going back a touch to the case load, we sorted out how many 457s are being cleared in a space of time but I am interested in how we are going for sheer numbers. Can you give us any idea how it is going? Is it increasing, dropping off or staying the same? I think question on notice 30 had some figures, but that would need updating. So if you can provide that, that would be good.

Answer:

Visa Lodgements

As at 30 September 2008, 33 212 subclass 457 visa applications had been lodged.

A year by year breakdown is at Table 1 below.

Table 1: Visa Application Lodgements

Program Year	Visa Lodgement	% Change
2004-05	56467	NA
2005-06	82989	47%
2006-07	109649	32%
2007-08	116825	7%
2008-09*	33212	27%
* YTD as at 30 September 2008		