

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 20 OCTOBER 2009

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(11) Program 1.1: Visa and Migration

Senator Back (L&CA 37) asked:

Can you give me some idea how the weekly application rate was for 457 visas before September—for example, April through to, let us say, the end of August?

Answer:

Subclass 457 primary visa application rates in Quarter 4 (1 April to 30 June 2009) averaged 678 per week.

Subclass 457 primary visa application rates in Quarter 1 (1 July to 15 September 2009) averaged 677 per week.