

## QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

### SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 19 OCTOBER 2010

#### IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

#### (21) Program: Internal Product

Senator Cash (L&CA 30) asked:

Did the Department commence any civil or administrative legal actions against any party since July 2009 to date, if so provide relevant particulars.

*Answer:*

From 1 July 2009 to 2 November 2010, the Department commenced proceedings in the Federal Magistrates Court (FMC), Federal Court (FC), Full Federal Court (FFC) and High Court (HC) as tabled below.

Consistent with the Attorney General's *Legal Services Directions 2005*, appeals are only filed on the Minister's behalf where it is considered that there are reasonable prospects of success or the appeal is otherwise justified in the public interest.

Category	FC	FFC	FMC	HC Special Leave	HC Substantive Appeal	Total
Bridging visas		1	1			2
Business		1				1
Character	9					9
Citizenship	1					1
Refugee		12	1	3	2	18
Skilled		3		1		4
Students		1				1
<b>Total</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>36</b>