

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 19 OCTOBER 2010

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(220) Program 1.1: Visa and Migration

Senator Cash asked:

How many applications are subject to the Minister's Priority Processing determination?

Answer:

The following subclasses are subject to the Minister's Priority Processing determination:

Skilled – Independent Subclass 175
Skilled – Sponsored Subclass 176
Skilled – Onshore Independent –New Zealand–Citizen Subclass 861
Skilled – Onshore Australian-sponsored New Zealand Citizen Subclass 862
Skilled – Onshore Designated Area-sponsored New Zealand Citizen Subclass 863
Skilled - Independent Overseas Student Subclass 880
Skilled - Australian-sponsored Subclass 881
Skilled – Designated Area-sponsored Overseas Student Subclass 882
Skilled - Independent Subclass 885
Skilled – Sponsored Subclass 886
Skilled – Regional Sponsored Subclass 475
Skilled – Regional Sponsored Subclass 487
Skilled – Independent Regional Subclass 495
Skilled – Designated Area-sponsored (Provisional) Subclass 496
Graduate – Skilled Subclass 497 visa.
Employer Nomination Subclass 121
Employer Nomination Scheme Subclass 856
Regional Sponsored Migration Scheme Subclass 119
Regional Sponsored Migration Scheme Subclass 857

As at 30 September 2010, there were 157,700 visa applications onhand in these visa subclasses.