

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 19 OCTOBER 2010

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(261) Program 4.1: Visa Compliance and Status Resolution

Senator Cash asked:

(1) How many Section 501 cases have been considered by the Department and by the Minister in 2009-2010 and how many in 2008-09?

(2) How many visas were (a) refused and (b) cancelled by the Minister/by the Department?

Answer:

(1) During the 2009-2010 program year the Department considered 1519 cases under Section 501 of the *Migration Act 1958* and the Minister personally considered one case.

During the 2008-2009 program year the Department considered 835 cases under Section 501 of the *Migration Act 1958* and the Minister personally considered one case.

(2) In the 2008-2009 program year the Department refused 124 visa applications and cancelled 86 visas. During the 2008-2009 program year the Minister personally refused one visa application.

In the 2009-2010 program year the Department refused 156 visa applications and cancelled 58 visas. During the 2009-2010 program year the Minister personally cancelled one visa.