

## **QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

### **SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 19 OCTOBER 2010**

#### **IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO**

##### **(28) Program 1.1: Visa and Migration**

Senator Cash (L&CA 39) asked:

How many sub-class 485 visas are due to expire by the end of 2010, June 30 2011, December 31, 2012?

Answer:

This question can't be answered in full at this time. The subclass 485 visa is valid for 18 months, so subclass 485 visas due to expire at the end of 2012 would not be granted until the end of June 2011.

In addition, visas can expire, or cease to be in effect, for a variety of reasons that include the cancellation of the visa, the grant of another type of visa, or the passing of the date until which the visa was granted.

For these reasons, it is not possible to provide a precise figure for the number of visas that may expire in a future period. With this in mind the following provides a basis for estimating the likely numbers involved:

5,287 subclass 485 visas were granted between April and June 2009, which would have had been granted until a date between 1 October and 31 December 2010.

9,271 subclass 485 visas were granted between July and December 2009, which would have had been granted until a date between 1 January and 30 June 2011