QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 17 OCTOBER 2011

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(SE11/0143) Program 1.1: Visa and Migration

Senator Cash (L&CA 8-9) asked:

How many applications by each visa category were made in the 2010-11 period and in the year to date?

Answer.

The number of visa applications made by visa category in the program year 2010-11 and in 2011-12 (to 30 September 2011) was:

| Category | 2010-11 | 2011-12 |
|--|-----------|-----------|
| | (Jul-Jun) | (Jul-Sep) |
| Temporary Visitor visas ¹ | 3 661 509 | 885 455 |
| Student visas (includes student guardians) | 283 093 | 73 723 |
| Working Holiday and Work and Holiday | 197 959 | 60 071 |
| Temporary Resident visas (subclass 457) | 100 430 | 31 552 |
| Temporary Resident visas (other) | 76 930 | 21 573 |
| Total temporary visa applications | 4 319 921 | 1 072 374 |
| Family Stream (permanent) | 80 758 | 18 854 |
| Skill Stream (permanent) | 126 074 | 19 707 |
| Special Eligibility (permanent) | 478 | 89 |
| Total Migration Program | 207 310 | 38 650 |

¹ Includes Electronic Travel Authority.