

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 17 OCTOBER 2011

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(SE11/0145) Program 1.1: Visa and Migration

Senator (L&CA) asked:

In relation to the working holiday visa subclass 417: a) How many of those visa holders are currently onshore, and what is the breakdown by nationality?; b) In relation to the average time taken to process a working holiday visa, how does this compare with 12 months ago?; c) In relation to applications for renewals, what is the breakdown of nationality groups?

Answer:

a) Working Holiday (Subclass 417) visa holders onshore – at 31 October 2011

Country of Citizenship	Onshore
Belgium	708
Canada	4,208
Cyprus	10
Denmark	795
Estonia	1,209
Finland	652
France	10,514
Germany	13,981
Hong Kong	3,486
Ireland, Republic of	17,006
Italy	4,266
Japan	5,851
Korea, Republic of	21,590
Malta	57
Netherlands	1,954
Norway	358
Sweden	2,387
Taiwan	11,755
United Kingdom	24,568
Other#	139
Total:	125,494

#Dual nationality applicants

b) Service Standards

For the twelve months ending 31 October 2011, the median processing time to decide a first Working Holiday (Subclass 417) visa application was same day – that is they were processed on the same day they were lodged. In comparison, the median processing time for the twelve months ending 31 October 2010 was also same day.

For the twelve months ending 31 October 2011, the median processing time to decide a second Working Holiday (Subclass 417) visa application was four calendar days. In comparison, the median processing time for the twelve months ending 31 October 2010 was five calendar days.

c) Second Working Holiday (Subclass 417) visa grants* – 1 July to 31 October 2011

Country of Citizenship	Second Visa Grants**
Belgium	42
Canada	228
Cyprus	0
Denmark	33
Estonia	175
Finland	28
France	562
Germany	546
Hong Kong	295
Ireland, Republic of	1,779
Italy	302
Japan	441
Korea, Republic of	1,583
Malta	4
Netherlands	100
Norway	11
Sweden	92
Taiwan	1,158
United Kingdom	1,887
Other#	55
Total:	9,321

*The Department reports on the number of Working Holiday (Subclass 417) visa grants rather than visa applications.

**These visas cannot be “renewed”, but holders of a Working Holiday (Subclass 417) visa may apply for a second Working Holiday visa if they have undertaken 88 days specified work in regional Australia during their stay.

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