

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 17 OCTOBER 2011

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(SE11/0162) Program 1.1: Visa and Migration

Senator Cash asked:

Labour Agreements: How many onshore and offshore applications for General Skilled Migration are currently with the Department of Immigration & Citizenship? How long are they taking to process? Onshore and offshore by post?

Answer:

General Skilled Migration (GSM) is processed onshore in Adelaide and Brisbane.

General Skilled Migration visa applications, except for Temporary Skilled Graduate (subclass 485) visas, are subject to priority processing. This is the order in which the Department considers skilled migration applications.

GSM Applications on hand as at 31 October 2011					
Office	Category	s499 Priority	Lodged Offshore	Lodged Onshore	Total
Adelaide	Skilled Australian Sponsored	4	7,952	324	8,276
Adelaide	Skilled Australian Sponsored	5	20,890	3,710	24,600
Adelaide	Skilled Independent	4	17,718	1,143	18,861
Adelaide	Skilled Independent	5	13,712	4,332	18,044
Adelaide	State/Territory Sponsored Visa Classes	3	6,363	554	6,917
Adelaide	State/Territory Sponsored Visa Classes	4	414	3	417
Adelaide	State/Territory Sponsored Visa Classes	5	2,230	1,076	3,306
Adelaide	Skilled Regional	1		309	309
Adelaide	Temporary Skilled Graduate (GSM)	NA	254	5,357	5,611
Brisbane	Skilled Australian Sponsored	4		770	770
Brisbane	Skilled Australian Sponsored	5		10,534	10,534
Brisbane	Skilled Independent	4		3,908	3,908
Brisbane	Skilled Independent	5		19,596	19,596
Brisbane	State/Territory Sponsored Visa Classes	3		369	369
Brisbane	State/Territory Sponsored Visa Classes	4	1	14	15
Brisbane	State/Territory Sponsored Visa Classes	5		151	151
Brisbane	Skilled Regional	1		818	818
Brisbane	Temporary Skilled Graduate (GSM)	NA		45,286	45,286

1. Priority 1 applies to the Skilled Regional (subclass 887) visa and Regional Sponsored Migration Scheme (RSMS) applications however RSMS is not part of GSM.
2. Priority 2 applies to the Employer Nomination Scheme (ENS) which is not part of GSM.

Average processing times for onshore and offshore applications for General Skilled Migration applications are listed in the answer to Question on Notice SE11/0160.