QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 17 OCTOBER 2011

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(SE11/0229) Program 2.1:   Refugee and Humanitarian Assistance

Senator Cash asked:

What was the average processing time for IMAs during the periods 2008-2009; 2009-2010; 2010-2011 and the year to date?

Answer:

Average processing times from arrival to visa grant for IMAs

Period	Time
July 2008 - June 2009	103 days
July 2009 - June 2010	116 days
July 2010 - June 2011	299 days
July 2011 - cob 30 September 2011	322 days

The figures provided below are drawn from historical operational data, which were initially held in multiple, manually-maintained data repositories. Due to different sources and methodologies employed over time, these figures may differ slightly from figures published elsewhere. All figures have been rounded to the nearest full day.