

## QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

### SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 15 OCTOBER 2012

#### IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

#### (SE12/0213) PROGRAM – 1.1: Visa and Migration

Senator Cash (written) asked:

What is the amount collected from the Visa Application Charge (VAC), for each visa category, in the financial year 2011-12? What is the expected revenue from the Visa Application Charge for 2012-13–2015-16 for each visa category by year? What were the department's total expenses in 2011-12 and the expected expense in 2012-13?

*Answer:*

Visa application charges earned on an accrual basis in the 2011-12 financial year were:

<b>Visa Category</b>	<b>Amount \$'m</b>
Skilled Migration	221.07
Family Migration *	293.63
Protection	0.17
Resident Return, Declaratory & Certificate of Evidence	30.32
Student	130.88
Temporary Residence (Economic)	52.42
Temporary Residence (Non-Economic)	169.39
Visitors and Working Holiday Makers	131.34
<b>Total</b>	<b>1 029.22</b>

\* The reason family migration revenue is higher than skilled migration is because of the high price of some family visa application charges such as the Contributory Parent visa which can be as high as \$42,220.

In accordance with the Mid-year Economic and Fiscal Outlook (MYEFO) the expected revenue from the Visa Application Charge for each visa category for the financial years 2012-13 to 2015-16 is as follows:

<b>VISA CATEGORY</b>	<b>2012-13 Estimated Revenue \$'000</b>	<b>2013-14 Estimated Revenue \$'000</b>	<b>2014-15 Estimated Revenue \$'000</b>	<b>2015-16 Estimated Revenue \$'000</b>
Forfeited bonds - family visitors	2 000	2 000	2 000	2 000
Application for migration to Australia	194 591	264 881	272 935	351 562
Application for permanent visa onshore	231 631	266 579	275 670	349 835
Application for resident return visa	23 838	23 837	23 837	20 662

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Application for student visa	181 930	184 294	176 472	226 012
Application for temporary resident visa	124 255	157 460	164 785	91 310
Application for visitor visa	121 548	132 299	137 331	142 488
Second instalment visa application charge	330 355	319 512	319 492	495 293
Sponsorship fees - employer nomination scheme	8 065	8 698	8 986	-
Sponsorship fees - temporary residents	16 155	17 123	15 927	19 115
Pacific Seasonal Worker Pilot Scheme	610	763	991	1 296
Work and Holiday Visa (Subclass 462)	409	419	419	-
Bridging Visa B(BVB - 020)	675	720	720	-
Visa Pricing Transformation	59 171	300 141	296 103	299 087
Application for permanent visa onshore	120	120	120	-
<b>Total Visa Application Charges</b>	<b>1 295 353</b>	<b>1 678 846</b>	<b>1 695 788</b>	<b>1 998 660</b>

The department's total expenses in 2011-12 as reported in the 2011-12 annual report were \$3,021,378,000. In accordance with the MYEFO and the Portfolio Supplementary Estimates Statements, total expenses for the 2012-13 financial year are expected to be \$3,862,981,000.