

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 15 October 2012

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(SE12/0225) PROGRAM – 1.1: Visa and Migration

Senator Cash (written) asked:

What is the average processing time for subclass 457 visas granted under a Labour Agreement compared to those granted under a standard business sponsorship for the financial year to date?

Answer:

The median processing time for a 457 visa granted under a Labour Agreement is 16 days for the financial year to date.

The median processing time for a 457 visa granted under a Standard Business Sponsorship is 13 days for the financial year to date.