

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 15 October 2012

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(SE12/0238) PROGRAM – 1.1: Visa and Migration

Senator Cash (written) asked:

SkillSelect: How many Expressions of Interest have been lodged per month via SkillSelect since 1 July 2012? In what visa categories? How many Invitations have been issued to prospective skilled migrants who have lodged EOIs via SkillSelect?

Answer:

Table 1 contains the number of complete EOIs submitted per calendar month since the introduction of SkillSelect on 1 July 2012.

Table 1 – Submitted EOIs by month

Month	EOIs Submitted
July 2012	7756
August 2012	3932
September 2012	3138
October 2012	3454
Total	18280

Table 2 contains a breakdown of submitted EOIs by visa subclass. As clients can express interest in more than one subclass on each EOI the monthly totals in this table are greater than those in Table 1.

Table 2 – Submitted EOIs by month and subclass

Subclass	Jul-12	Aug-12	Sep-12	Oct-12
132 - Business Talent Significant Business History	17	15	20	15
132 - Business Talent Venture Capitalist Entrepreneur	4	3	2	1
186 - Employer Nominated Scheme	1873	886	671	585
187 - Regional Sponsored Migration Scheme	1931	912	656	639
188 - Business Innovation and Investment (Provisional) Innovation	68	77	71	77
188 - Business Innovation and Investment (Provisional) Investor	13	17	16	11
189 - Skilled Independent	3247	1570	1290	1475
190 - Skilled Australian Sponsored Visa	3524	1515	1182	1401
457 - Business (Long Stay) Visa	1277	801	557	489
489 - Skilled Regional Provisional Visa (Family Sponsored)	207	135	80	94
489 - Skilled Regional Provisional Visa (State/Territory Nominated)	1321	589	395	373

To 7 November 2012 there have been 6989 invitations issued to prospective skilled migrants who have lodged an EOI in SkillSelect. Of this figure, 4600

were issued automatically to independent skilled applicants and 2389 were issued by state and territory governments.