

## **QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

### **SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 15 October 2012**

#### **IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO**

#### **(SE12/0239) PROGRAM – 1.1: Visa and Migration**

Senator Cash (written) asked:

SkillSelect: How many EOIs are currently on hand? How many Visa Applications have been lodged? How many Visa Applications have been granted?

*Answer:*

As at 31 October 2012 there were 12 253 completed Expressions of Interest (EOIs) on hand covering primary applicants only.

As at 31 October 2012 there were visa applications from 7147 persons lodged as a result of an invitation to apply issued through SkillSelect under the Skilled Independent, State/Territory Nominated and Skilled Regional (Provisional) visa categories.

As at 31 October 2012 there were visa grants made to 1119 persons who were invited to apply through SkillSelect under the Skilled Independent, State/Territory nominated and Skilled Regional (Provisional) visa categories.