

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

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

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

**(SE12/0315) PROGRAM – 2.1: Refugee and Humanitarian Assistance**

Senator Hanson-Young (written) asked:

Family reunion - As of 26 October 2012, after the changes effected by the removal of IMA's from SHV family reunion have taken place, how many years does the Department estimate it will take to clear the backlog?

*Answer:*

We estimate it will take around two years to clear the backlog of Special Humanitarian Program applications.