

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 15 OCTOBER 2012

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(SE12/0417) PROGRAM – 4.1: Visa Compliance and Status Resolution

Senator Cash (written) asked:

How many subclass 866 protection visas have been cancelled since November 2011 and why?

Answer:

Eight subclass 866 Protection visas have been cancelled between 1 November 2011 and 30 September 2012.

- Four of these visas were cancelled because incorrect information or bogus documents had been provided.
- One visa was cancelled because the circumstances that permitted the grant of the visa no longer existed.
- One visa was cancelled as a result of consequential cancellation, that is, the visa was cancelled by operation of law following the cancellation of a family member's visa.
- Two visas were cancelled because of character concerns.