

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 15 OCTOBER 2012

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(SE12/0563) Program 2.1: Refugee and Humanitarian Assistance

Senator Cash asked:

Bridging visas: What was the estimated unemployment rate for IMAs on bridging visas used to estimate the costs of the new bridging visa programme for MYEFO?

What estimate of unemployment was used for the 2012/13 Budget, and what estimate was used for the period of time taken for a person to find employment?

Answer.

The very detailed information sought is not readily available in consolidated form and it would be a major task to collect and assemble it. The considerable resources required to collate the information cannot be justified.