

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 19 November 2013

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(SE13/0222) PROGRAMME – 1.1: Visa and Migration

Senator Xenophon (Written) asked:

Can the Department provide the most recent statistics for the Significant Investor Visa, including:

- a. The number of applicants
- b. The number of approvals
- c. How these numbers compare with the expected applicants and approvals when the visa category was established.

Answer:

- a. Between 24 November 2012 and 30 November 2013, a total of 545 Significant Investor visa applications were lodged.
- b. During the same period, 75 applications for the Significant Investor visa were approved.
- c. The department did not make any estimates for the number of applicants or approvals for the Significant Investor visa when the visa was introduced.