

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 19 November 2013

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(SE13/0362) PROGRAMME – 1.1: Visa and Migration

Senator Carr (Written) asked:

Will the Government continue the “Expert Panel Family Category” of the Family Stream of the General Migration program?

- If yes, are there any changes proposed? If yes, what are they?
- How many of the allocated places have been allocated since 7 September 2013?

Answer:

The Government has decided not to continue with the additional allocation of places for this purpose.

Since 7 September 2013, 640 Family Stream visas have been granted to applicants sponsored by irregular maritime arrivals.