

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES – 26 – 27 MAY 2014

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(BE14/124) PROGRAMME – 1.2: Visa and Citizenship

Senator Carr (L&CA 87 - 88) asked:

Senator KIM CARR: And they were lodged in the period from 23 November to 28 February. Of these 2,388, there were 489 in engineering occupations, 339 in nursing and 1,474 in skill level 3. How many workers who were Australian citizens or permanent residents applied for these positions in engineering occupations, nursing or skill level occupations respectively?

Mr Fleming: We will see what information we have on that.

Senator KIM CARR: Thank you. And how many of the Australian citizens or permanent residents' applications were considered by sponsors as 'not suitably qualified or experienced'?

Mr Fleming: Again, we will see what information we have.

Answer:

As at 31 May 2014, there were 2589 nominations approved for an Engineering, Nursing or Skill Level 3 occupation under the Standard subclass 457 programme between 23 November 2013 and 28 February 2014. This figure has increased from that previously provided as most cases that were on-hand at the time have now been finalised.

The department does not record information relating to the numbers of Australians that applied and were considered unsuitable for these positions in a form that allows for systems reporting.