

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES – 26 – 27 MAY 2014

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(BE14/346) PROGRAMME – 1.2: Visa and Citizenship

Senator Carr (Written) asked:

Of the 2,388 visa nominations that have been approved, there were 489 in engineering occupations, 339 in nursing and 1,474 in skill level 3.

- a. How many workers who were Australian citizens or permanent residents applied for these positions in engineering occupations, nursing or skill level occupations respectively.
- b. And how many of the Australian citizens or permanent residents' applications were considered by sponsors as 'not suitably qualified or experienced'?

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.