

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES – 20 OCTOBER 2014

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(SE14/174) PROGRAMME – Internal Product

Senator Cameron (Written) asked:

With reference to the Fair Work Ombudsman 457 Visa Monitoring – Detail Report for monitoring of Subclass 457 Visa conditions for the period between 18 September 2013 and 30 June 2014:

- a. How many Subclass 457 visa holders out of the 338 have been able to be located?
- b. Of those who have been located, please provide a summary of their number and location by state and territory?
- c. How many Subclass 457 visa holders out of the 338 contacted the Department within the period specified in their visa to advise the Department of the change to their employment status and/or other circumstances?
- d. How many Subclass 457 visa holders out of the 338 have obtained approved alternative employment with an approved sponsor within the period specified in their visa?
- e. How many Subclass 457 visa holders out of the 338 are still in Australia?
- f. Of the Subclass 457 visa holders out of the 338 who are still in Australia, how many are in Australia unlawfully?
- g. How many Subclass 457 visa holders out of the 338 are no longer in Australia?

Answer:

- a. Departmental records indicate there are 344 subclass 457 visa holders referred by the FWO as no longer employed. Of these, 235 visa holders have either obtained a new visa, are in the process of applying for a new visa or citizenship, or have departed Australia. The department has had contact with those who have obtained a new visa, or are in the process of applying for a new visa or citizenship. The department is in the process of contacting the remaining 109 visa holders who are being considered for cancellation. It is routine practice to contact visa holders who are onshore and being considered for cancellation to provide them with the opportunity to advise the department why their visa should not be cancelled.
- b. In order to report on the updated location of the 235 visa holders who have had contact with the department or departed Australia, each individual record would need to be manually examined and collated. This is an unreasonable diversion of resources.
- c. As per response at (b) above.
- d. 81 visa holders found employment with another approved business sponsor.
- e. 210 subclass 457 visa holders out of the 344 are still in Australia.
- f. There are no visa holders from the 344 reported to the department who are in Australia unlawfully.
- g. 134 visa holders of the 344 have departed Australia after ceasing employment.