

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES – 20 OCTOBER 2014

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(SE14/176) 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. Are there any sponsoring employers that are identified in the report as having breached their obligations under the Migration Act that have been found to have committed multiple breaches? If so, how many employer sponsors have committed multiple breaches of their obligations and in what industry sectors are they found?

Answer:

The report identifies sponsors who may have breached 457 sponsorship obligations. This is a trigger for the department to conduct a more thorough audit. As a result of this scrutiny, the department may or may not find a breach of the sponsorship obligations under the Migration Act, in the same way that it considers a range of community information or allegations about possible sponsorship breaches. Fifty five approved business sponsors were identified in the report who may have committed multiple breaches. Of these 55 sponsors, 23 have been found by the department to have breached their sponsorship obligations. Of these 23 sponsors, 10 were found to have committed multiple breaches. The industry sectors are outlined in the table below.

Industry	Number of sponsors
Accommodation and Food Services	4
Education and Training	1
Health Care and Social Assistance	1
Information Media and Telecommunications	1
Retail Trade	2
Transport Postal and Warehousing	1
Total	10

Of the total number of cases referred to the department by the FWO between 18 September 2013 and 30 June 2014, there are 210 sponsors who are still being examined for possible breaches to their sponsorship obligations under the Migration Act.