

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES – 20 OCTOBER 2014

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(SE14/323) PROGRAMME –

Senator Ludwig (L&CA 19) asked:

Senator LUDWIG: I just want to go to the 457 visas. As I understand it the offers are usually issued by employers. Do you have the broad statistics for how many 457—what I am after, and perhaps you can take this notice, is a breakdown of 457 visas. Can you provide that by employer or employer category?

Mr Pezzullo: I think Dr Southern and Mr Fleming, if he is in the room somewhere, can assist in creating a methodology, but I can certainly advise, as at 31 October, which is just under a month ago, the number of active sponsors there were. It was in the order of—in fact, not in the order of; it was the specific number of 36,482. How that breaks down by employment categories and sponsorship cohort watch, I might just defer to Dr Southern.

Dr Southern: We can certainly break it down for you by employment type category. We probably have here the top 10 employment categories.

Senator LUDWIG: I am happy to take that on notice. And can you do it by location, or is it not by location?

Dr Southern: I will take it on notice. We may be able to—certainly state by state. We can break it down by employment category by state. I do not know if we can break it down any further than that.

Senator LUDWIG: You cannot break it down on a project basis?

Dr Southern: I will take that on notice. Certainly for major projects—

Answer:

The tables below provide a breakdown of primary 457 visa holders as at 30 November 2014 by sponsor industry, occupation group, state or territory location and by statistical division.

Data using these parameters is publicly available in quarterly report published on the Department of Immigration and Border Protection's website at:
www.immi.gov.au/media/statistics/statistical-info/temp-entrants/subclass-457.htm

The department is not able to provide data on 457 visa holders working on specific projects. Unless they are recruited under a project labour agreement, sponsors can legitimately move employees between projects and locations while they remain on their 457 visa. While information on projects may be provided by the sponsor, it is not recorded in the department's systems for reporting purposes.

Sponsor Industry	Total
Accommodation and Food Services	15015
Administrative and Support Services	629
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	2169
Arts and Recreation Services	1011
Construction	11830
Education and Training	4836
Electricity, Gas, Water and Waste Services	1996
Financial and Insurance Services	3866
Health Care and Social Assistance	10226
Information Media and Telecommunications	9424
Manufacturing	6881
Mining	5856
Other Services	14630
Professional, Scientific and Technical	8820
Public Administration and Safety	726
Rental, Hiring and Real Estate Services	782
Retail Trade	6115
Transport Postal and Warehousing	2069
Wholesale Trade	2675
Not Specified	805
Grand Total	110361

ANZSCO¹ Major Group	Total
0 Non Labour Force/Other	831
1 Managers	22006
2 Professionals	47672
3 Technicians and Trades Workers	33269
4 Community and Personal Service Workers	1592
5 Clerical and Administrative Workers	3618
6 Sales Workers	665
7 Machinery Operators and Drivers	402
8 Labourers	263
Not Specified	43
Grand Total	110361

¹ Australian New Zealand Standard Classifications of Occupations.

Nominated Location State/Territory	Nominated Location Statistical Division	Total
ACT	Canberra	1406
ACT Total		1406
NSW	Central West	266
	Far West	34
	Hunter	933
	Illawarra	487
	Mid-North Coast	394
	Murray	133
	Murrumbidgee	427
	North Western	177
	Northern	299
	Richmond-Tweed	262
	South Eastern	209
	Sydney	37916
	Not Specified	42
NSW Total		41579
NT	Darwin	1313
	Northern Territory - Bal	364
	Not Specified	13
NT Total		1690
QLD	Brisbane	9569
	Central West	20
	Darling Downs	853
	Far North	453
	Fitzroy	1354
	Gold Coast	1782
	Mackay	667
	North West	178
	Northern	421
	South West	240
	Sunshine Coast	453
	West Moreton	149
	Wide Bay-Burnett	311
	Not Specified	41
QLD Total		16491
SA	Adelaide	2523
	Eyre	24
	Murray Lands	129
	Northern	182
	Outer Adelaide	88
	South East	126
	Yorke and Lower North	47
	Not Specified	9
SA Total		3128
TAS	Greater Hobart	191
	Mersey-Lyell	135
	Northern	89
	Southern	8
	Not Specified	3
TAS Total		426

VIC	Barwon	447
	Central Highlands	210
	East Gippsland	124
	Gippsland	188
	Goulburn	287
	Loddon	187
	Mallee	138
	Melbourne	22750
	Ovens-Murray	84
	Western District	106
	Wimmera	62
	Not Specified	31
VIC Total		24614
WA	Central	391
	Kimberley	203
	Lower Great Southern	116
	Midlands	259
	Other Territories	36
	Perth	17484
	Pilbara	1130
	South Eastern	351
	South West	778
	Upper Great Southern	62
	Not Specified	84
WA Total		20894
Not Specified		133
Grand Total		110361