QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES - 20 OCTOBER 2014

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(SE14/426) PROGRAMME – 1.2: Visa and Citizenship

Senator Carr (Written) asked:

- (a) Please provide a breakdown of people currently working on 417 Visas by country of origin
- (b) Please provide a breakdown of people working on 417 Visas by State
- (c) Please provide a breakdown of people working on 417 Visas by industry group In particular, the construction and meat processing industry
- (d) Please provide a breakdown of people working on 417 Visas by manufacturing sectors
- (e) Please provide a breakdown of people working on 417 Visas by labour hire company
- (f) Please provide a breakdown of people working on 417 Visas by firm/company

Answer:

- (a) While the Working Holiday (subclass 417) and Work and Holiday (subclass 462) visas include work rights, they are not work visas per se and undertaking work is an optional part of the Working Holiday Maker programme. The Department of Immigration and Border Protection does not collect data regarding the number of Working Holiday and Work and Holiday visa holders actively engaged in employment at any one time. Working Holiday and Work and Holiday visa holders in Australia, may, at any given time, potentially be engaged in employment activities. It is not possible to provide the requested breakdown.
- (b-f) Departmental reporting systems do not capture this information.