

**SENATE EMPLOYMENT, WORKPLACE RELATIONS AND EDUCATION  
LEGISLATION COMMITTEE**

**2006-2007 BUDGET SENATE ESTIMATES HEARING  
29<sup>TH</sup> AND 30<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2006  
EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS PORTFOLIO**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**Outcome 3: Increased workforce participation**

**Output Group 3.2: Labour market strategies**

**Output 3.2.1: Labour market analysis**

**Question Number: W053-07**

**Question:**

Senator Carr asked in writing:

On how many occasions since 2000 has the Department, or any agency that comes under the Department's aegis, provided advice to DIMA about the appropriate skill levels for holders of 457 visa? How many workers have been involved? On how many occasions have holders of these visas been found not to have the appropriate qualifications and/or formal skill levels? On how many occasions since 2000 had the Department provided for DIMA assessment of the actual skills of holders of 457 visas? How many workers have been involved? On how many occasions have these workers been found not to have the level of skill claimed, either by themselves or by their employer? How many workers have been involved? Please provide this information by industry.

**Answer:**

- (a) Data on this is not available. Trades Recognition Australia (TRA) within DEWR may conduct skills assessments for 457 visa applicants. However, TRA does not collect information on pre-migration skills assessment applications by visa arrangement as it does not distinguish between such applications in the assessment process.
- (b) See (a) above.
- (c) See (a) above.
- (d) See (a) above.
- (e) See (a) above.
- (f) See (a) above.
- (g) See (a) above.