

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

**2006-2007 SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET SENATE ESTIMATES HEARING
2ND NOVEMBER 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: W831-07

Question:

Senator Wong asked in writing:

457 Visas

Is it possible for an employer to have either a high percentage or more 457 visa holders than their total skilled demands?

Answer:

The 457 visa, by definition, provides for the entry into Australia and employment of skilled people. DIMA is responsible for the administrative systems that monitor the level of reliance on 457 visa holders of sponsoring Australian employers.