

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING: 12 February 2007

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(43) Output 1.1: Migration and Temporary Entry

Senator Ludwig (L&CA 37) asked:

- (1) Could you indicate, on a monthly basis, how many new investigations are started, how many are ongoing, how many are finalised and how many are current and still on the books?
- (2) Are you able to say what industry it relates to as well?
- (3)(a) And give an indication of the nature of the allegation being investigated; and
(b) the number of people involved?

Answer:

- (1) Table 1 shows the number of new, ongoing and finalised investigations per month for the financial year to 31 January 2007.

Table 1 – New, Ongoing and Finalised Investigations FY 06/07

	Jul-06 [^]	Aug-06 [^]	Sep-06 [#]	Oct-06 [#]	Nov-06 [#]	Dec-06 [#]	Jan-07 [#]
New Investigations	34	38	53	38	17	55	60
Ongoing*	-	30	109	163	221	240	240
Closed	-	-	-	-	82**	86	18

- Data unavailable

* Total Sponsors of Concern, less new allegations, without consideration of closed.

** This figure refers to cases finalised between 1 July 2006 and 30 November 2006. More detailed data is not available.

[^] These figures refer only to investigations resulting from allegations made to DIAC by external sources.

[#] These figures also include investigations resulting from DIAC's monitoring practices.

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Industry	Number of Allegations
Accommodation, Cafés and Restaurants	71
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	18
Communication Services	10
Construction	34
Cultural and Recreation	3
Education	3
Electricity, Gas and Water	1
Finance and Insurance	3
Government Administration and Defence	0

Health and Community	23
Labour Hire	11
Manufacturing	68
Meat	6
Mining	10
Personal and other services	23
Property and Business	12
Retail	20
Transport and Storage	11
Wholesale	12
TOTAL	339

(3)(a)

The nature of allegations that are currently being investigated is shown below.

Table 2 – List of Nature of Allegations that are currently being investigated

Alleged application fraud	Alleged breach of Australian taxation laws	Alleged breach of Fair Trading Laws
Alleged breach of Industrial Relations Laws	Alleged breach of MSL	Alleged breach of Occupational Health and Safety Laws
Alleged breach of other Australian laws	Alleged breach of other migration laws and regulations	Alleged breach of visa conditions
Alleged engagement of sponsor in criminal activities	Alleged failure of sponsor to pay medical expenses	Alleged failure to meet training requirements
Alleged failure to notify DIAC of change of conditions	Alleged failure to pay repatriation costs	Alleged illegal agent fees
Alleged misuse of the 457 visa programme	Alleged on-selling of labour	Alleged under-skilled visa holders
Alleged visa holder character concern	Alleged visa holder not working in nominated position	

(b)

The total number of visa holders involved with each of these investigations is not readily available and would require considerable resources to obtain.