

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

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IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(54) Output 1.1: Migration and Temporary Entry

Senator Webber asked:

In answer to questions on notice from the last round, DIAC advised that 202 457 visas had been granted to Fletcher International WA. Given that there is only one category of skilled worker that is eligible for a 457 visa in the meat industry, is the department aware that the abattoir is not big enough to employ 202 boners? Does the 202 include secondary visa holders? If so, how many of the 202 are secondary visa holders and under what categories are each employed?

Answer:

Fletchers International WA have 202 primary visas granted against one sponsorship and a further 9 primary visas granted through two separate sponsorships. None of these grants are for secondary visa holders.

There are in fact two meat processing industry occupations eligible under the sub-class 457 visa – butchers and slaughterpersons, not boners.