

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

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IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(13) Output 1.1: Migration and Temporary Entry

Senator Fisher (L&CA 51-52) asked:

Do you have figures available for the number of people holding Working Holiday visas who undertake their three months work in the mining industry to achieve their extension at the moment? Is that data available?

Answer:

The Department does not have readily available data specifying the industry in which applicants worked to obtain a second Working Holiday visa.

Eligibility for a second Working Holiday visa, until 1 July 2006, only applied to seasonal agricultural work. On 1 July 2006, the scheme was expanded to include Working Holiday visa holders who have undertaken three months work in any primary industry.