

## QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

### ADDITIONAL BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 9 FEBRUARY 2010

#### IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

#### **(8) Program 1.1: Visa and Migration**

Senator Humphries (L&C 18-19) asked:

Have any actions been taken against a sponsor using the new monitoring investigation powers provided by the worker protection amendments in the Migration Act? I do not want to know names but rather how many people and what states they are in. I assume that has not led to any prosecutions. Advise whether any sponsors have been barred or had approvals cancelled to date.

*Answer:*

A total of 42 sanctions, including bars and cancellations, have been imposed on sponsors since 14 September 2009. These sanctions related to enforcement activities resulting from a failure to comply with the sponsorship undertakings that were in place prior to 14 September 2009. The number of sanctions, broken down on a State and Territory basis can be found below at Table 1.

No, there have been no civil prosecutions placed before the courts since 14 September 2009.

**Table 1**

<b>State/Territory</b>	<b>Number of Sanctions</b>	<b>State/Territory</b>	<b>Number of Sanctions</b>
New South Wales	18	Victoria	14
South Australia	4	Western Australia	2
Australian Capital Territory	1	Northern Territory	1
Tasmania	2	Queensland	0