

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**ADDITIONAL BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 21 FEBRUARY 2011**

**IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO**

**(36) Program 1.1: Visa and Migration**

Senator Cash (L&CA 32) asked:

How many 457 visas were granted in 2009-10, and how many have been granted to date, and how many are subject to a labour agreement?

*Answer:*

There were 34 790 primary Subclass 457 visas granted in 2009-10.  
Of these, 980 were granted under a labour agreement.

For this program year, to 28 February 2011, a total of 29 562 primary Subclass 457 visas have been granted. Of these, 620 have been granted under a labour agreement.