

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARINGS: 13 FEBRUARY 2012

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(AE12/0203) Program 1.1: Visa and Migration

Senator Cash asked:

How many 457 visas have been granted in the financial year to date and in what industries? How many are subject to a Labour Agreement?

Answer:

In 2011-2012, as at 31 January 2012, there were 37 920 primary Subclass 457 visas granted under a Standard Business Sponsorship and 1250 primary Subclass 457 visas granted under a labour agreement. Industry details for these two sponsorship types are in the table below.

Primary Subclass 457 (Business Long Stay) visas by sponsorship and industry type for 2011-12 (to 31 January 2012)			
Sponsor Industry	Sponsorship Type		Total
	Labour Agreement	Standard Business Sponsorship	
Accommodation and Food Services	10	1 870	1 880
Administrative and Support Services	10	160	160
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	190	360	540
Arts and Recreation Services	< 5	540	550
Construction	320	4 930	5 250
Education and Training	0	2 020	2 020
Electricity, Gas, Water and Waste Services	0	630	630
Financial and Insurance Services	0	1 510	1 510
Health Care and Social Assistance	70	4 990	5 060
Information Media and Telecommunications	110	3 890	4 000
Manufacturing	60	2 140	2 200
Mining	50	3 480	3 530
Other Services	220	4 720	4 940
Professional, Scientific and Technical	80	2 400	2 480
Public Administration and Safety	0	270	270
Rental, Hiring and Real Estate Services	30	1 220	1 250
Retail Trade	< 5	1 110	1 110
Transport Postal and Warehousing	30	440	470
Wholesale Trade	10	720	720
Not Recorded	60	540	600
Total	1 250	37 920	39 170

Source: Department of Immigration and Citizenship, 2012 (BE4873.01)

Note 1: Figures rounded to the nearest 10