

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING: 13 FEBRUARY 2012

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(AE12/0221) Program 1.1: Visa and Migration

Senator Cash asked:

I refer to the answer given to SE11/0168 which states “in the 2010-11 program year, eight requests for labour agreements were declined. In the 2011-12 program year to 31 October 2011, three requests for labour agreements have been declined” – what are the reasons each of these requests were declined?

Answer:

In the 2010-11 and 2011-12 (to 31 October 2011) program years, 11 requests for Labour Agreements were declined where the employer:

- a. failed to demonstrate a labour market need for overseas workers; or
- b. sought to fill unskilled occupations which are not eligible for the labour agreement program.