

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARINGS: 11 February 2013

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(AE13/0033) PROGRAM – 1.1: Visa and Migration

Senator Waters (L&CA 41) asked:

Provide a breakdown of the figures for employment in the resources sector by 457, by labour agreement, by EMAs and by permanent residents. Provide that in the context and as a proportion of the total domestic labour force employed. Please provide sheer numbers as well.

Answer:

The total number of Subclass 457 primary visas granted in 2011-12, where the sponsor industry (self-identified) is mining, is 6463. Of this total, 253 visas (or 3.8 per cent) were granted under labour agreements. The total number of Subclass 457 primary visas granted in the current financial year to 28 February 2013 is 3455, of which 42 visas (or 1.2 per cent) were granted under labour agreements.

As negotiations are ongoing with each of the four Enterprise Migration Agreements (EMAs) under consideration, no Subclass 457 visas have been issued under an EMA.

The Department of Immigration and Citizenship does not collect statistics on occupations of visa holders granted a permanent residence visa.

The Department does not collect statistics on the Australian domestic labour force. Research and analysis of the domestic labour force is undertaken by the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations.