

## QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

### ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES - 25 FEBRUARY 2014

#### IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

#### (AE14/227) PROGRAMME – 1.1: Visa and Migration

Senator Carr (Written) asked:

The Department's figures show a total of nearly 260,000 WHV visas were granted in FY 2012-13 (258,248); and nearly 180,000 Working Holiday visa holders (subclasses 417 and 462) were present in Australia on 31 December 2013. The Department says Australia has reciprocal arrangements with WHV agreement countries.

*Answer:*

Australia currently has 28 reciprocal arrangements in effect with Working Holiday Maker arrangement partner countries.

The department confirms that in 2012-13, a total of 258 248 Working Holiday Maker visas were granted and that on 31 December 2013, 178 982 Working Holiday Maker visa holders were in Australia, as detailed in the following table:

Visa Type	Visa grants 2012-13	Visa holders on-shore as at 31 December 2013
Initial Working Holiday (subclass 417) visa	210 369	138 301
Second Working Holiday (subclass 417) visa	38 862	34 807
Work and Holiday (subclass 462) visa	9 017	5 874
Total	258 248	178 982

*Source: Working Holiday Maker visa programme report 31 December 2013*