

## QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

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#### IMMIGRATION AND MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO

#### (37) Output 1.1: Migration and Temporary Entry

Senator Carr (L&C 45 - 46) asked:

1. Provide a list of the companies that were refused a sponsorship. If you cannot provide the individual companies, could you provide the industries of the 654 and the grounds on which they were refused.
2. I would like to know specifically the basis on which you made the decision that they did not have an adequate commitment to training.

*Answer:*

1. For 2005-06, the number of refused sponsorships (rounded to the nearest 10) by industry are as follows:

Industry	Refused Sponsorships
Accommodation, Cafes and Restaurants	170
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	20
Communication Services	20
Construction	90
Cultural and Recreational Services	30
Education	10
Electricity, Gas and Water Supply	<5
Finance and Insurance	<5
Health and Community Services	20
Manufacturing	50
Mining	<5
Personal and Other Services	60
Property and Business Services	40
Retail Trade	70
Transport and Storage	10
Wholesale Trade	50
Not Recorded	<5
TOTAL	650

The Department is also unable to provide the grounds on which the sponsorships were refused as this would require a manual search through every individual sponsorship decision record for the above refusals.

2. Sponsors under the subclass 457 programme include a multiplicity of employers from small sole trader operations through to large multinational companies. Given this variety, each case must be assessed on its own merits. The Department considers a

number of different training modes in assessing whether the employer has demonstrated a satisfactory record of training Australians or a demonstrated commitment to do so. Factors the Department considers in assessing this record or commitment include the number of apprentice, trainee and graduates the employer has recruited in the past two years; contribution to scholarships in relevant courses of study; internal and external training programmes the employer has run, including the employment of in-house trainers; and courses the employer has funded for their Australian staff. The Department is seeking advice from the Department of Education, Science and Training, in the context of the report requested by COAG, on further refining the training requirement, including any ratios that state governments may have developed or are developing.