

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

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IMMIGRATION AND MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO

**(58) Output 1.1: Migration and Temporary Entry**

Senator Campbell (L&C 73) asked:

Could you take on notice the number of sponsors whom you have visited before issuing visas over the past five years?

*Answer:*

The Department makes a site visit to 457 Standard Business Sponsors to ensure the sponsors' compliance with the sponsorship undertakings. In 2004-05, some 1,845 sponsors were site visited and in 2005-06, some 1,790 sponsors were site visited. This did not include visits associated with other investigations or other compliance activities.

The outcome of the monitoring is taken into consideration when assessing a repeat sponsorship application for the sponsor. Site visits to new sponsors to check on details provided in a sponsorship application would normally not be undertaken.