

## QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

**BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 22 May 2006**

### IMMIGRATION AND MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO

#### **(79) Output 1.1: Migration and Temporary Entry**

Senator Webber asked:

1. How many 457 visa holders are currently in Australia?
2. Can you break that down by state and electorate?

*Answer:*

1. On 30 June 2006, there were 46,922 primary visa holders in Australia on visa subclass 457 Business (Long Stay). There was a total of 80,137 primary and secondary (secondary applicants are generally spouses and/or dependents) visa subclass 457 holders in Australia.
2. Data reflecting the "State of Intended Residence" for the 46,922 subclass 457 primary visa holders in Australia on 30 June 2006 is based on statements on the incoming passenger card and is as follows:

<b>State/Territory of Intended Residence</b>	<b>Primary Visa Holder</b>	<b>Secondary Visa Holder</b>	<b>Primary/ Secondary Status unknown</b>	<b>Total 457 Visa Holders</b>
Australian Capital Territory	559	376	-	935
New South Wales	19,001	11,247	9	30,257
Northern Territory	592	279	-	871
Queensland	7,073	4,991	1	12,065
South Australia	1,529	1,241	-	2,770
Tasmania	297	288	-	585
Victoria	9,312	6,781	1	16,094
Western Australia	5,806	5,431	-	11,237
Jurisdiction not stated	2,753	2,567	3	5,323
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>46,922</b>	<b>33,201</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>80,137</b>

Note: excludes NZ citizens.

The Department is not able to readily identify the location of the 80,137 subclass 457 visa holders by electorate.