

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 21-22 May 2007

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(168) Output 1.1: Migration and Temporary Entry

Senator Ludwig asked:

1. At the Senate Estimates Hearing held on 21 May 2007 the Department reported that there had been five trade skills training visas granted. Have any more of these visas been granted to date?
2. Of these five visas:
 - (a) What countries are the visa-holders from?
 - (b) What skill areas are they undertaking their apprenticeship in?
 - (c) Which region will they be working in?
 - (d) Did they apply for the visa onshore?
 - (e) If the visa was applied for onshore what visa did the applicant hold immediately prior to applying for the trade skills training visa?

Answer:

1. Yes. At 21 June 2007, one more visa has been granted.
2.
 - (a) United Kingdom, Canada, Netherlands, Peoples Republic of China and South Africa.
 - (b) Plant mechanic (fitter), electrician, bricklayer, cook and refrigeration and air conditioning mechanic.
 - (c) The Wheatbelt (WA), the Kimberley (WA) and Geelong (Vic).
 - (d) Four applied onshore.
 - (e) All four held a Working Holiday visa - subclass 417.