

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 28-29 MAY 2008

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(21) Output 1.1: Migration and Temporary Entry

Senator Nettle (L&CA 50) asked:

Provide the number and details on the 457 visa holders who have died.

Answer:

Departmental records from 2004 onwards show that there have been a total of 50 deaths of Primary and Secondary Subclass 457 visa holders. Of these, five died in workplace accidents.

Details of those who died in workplace related accidents are as follows:

457 Deaths					
State	Name of Sponsor	Name of visa holder	Occupation	Details of accident	Status of investigation
WA	D'Amelio Stone Pty Ltd	NAVALES, Wilfredo	Stone Mason	On 26 March 2007 Mr Navales was killed in a workplace accident when a 300kg piece of stone fell onto him.	Monitoring of sponsor finalised as satisfactory. Worksafe WA continue to investigate.
QLD	NK Collins Industries Pty Ltd	GUO, Jian Dong	Wood Machinist	On the 4 June 2007 Mr Guo died whilst felling trees. One of the cut trees fell onto another tree pulling him to the ground, then pinning him. He died from injuries sustained from this accident.	Sponsor was sanctioned for 3 years. Decision was overturned by the Migration Review Tribunal. Workplace Health and Safety Queensland continue to investigate.
NT	PANOY PTY LTD	BALADING, PEDRO JUN	Animal Attendant	Mr Balading died on 8 June 2007 from injuries sustained after falling from a motor vehicle while returning to cattle yards at his place on employ.	Sponsor sanctioned in September 2007 for 3 years.
QLD	John Holland Group	JARDINEL, Rey Garcia	Electrical Powerline Tradesperson	On 29 February 2008 eight men were returning to the project yard after completing work for the day. The vehicle they were travelling in left the road and crashed, resulting in the deaths of two of these men.	Workplace Health and Safety Queensland has commenced its investigations.
		PILI, Antonio Julio Guerrero	Electrical Powerline Tradesperson		

Detailed information on the circumstances of the persons who died from non work related causes is not readily available and would require significant diversion of resources to obtain.