

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES: 28 MAY 2008

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(38) Output 1.1: Migration and Temporary Entry

Senator Barnett (L&CA 86) asked:

In the last 12 months, where did the skilled migrants settle? What percentage goes to Melbourne and Sydney?

Answer:

DIAC data can only indicate the State or Territory of intended residence of newly arrived skilled migrants, not the city. For the 2006-07 program year, for migrants granted skill stream visas in Australia, or who arrived in Australia on skill stream visas, the proportions going to each State and Territory were as follows:

- NSW: 31.7 per cent;
- Victoria: 27.0 per cent;
- Western Australia: 15.3 per cent;
- Queensland: 14.1 per cent;
- South Australia: 9.1 per cent;
- ACT: 1.5 per cent;
- Tasmania: 0.7 per cent; and
- Northern Territory: 0.6 per cent.

The place of intended residence is self reported by settlers and can vary from actual place of settlement, post arrival.