

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 23 - 24 MAY 2011

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE11/0110) Program 1.1: Visa and Migration

Senator Cash (written) asked:

Why does the Department require an employer to resubmit workers documents included in the original 457 application for a renewal of this visa if nothing has changed?

Answer:

As stated in response to BE11/0108 and BE11/0109, there are no procedures to renew a subclass 457 visa. When a subclass 457 visa expires, the person must apply for a new visa.

A person applying for a subsequent subclass 457 visa is required under legislation to meet all relevant criteria at the time their application is assessed. This necessarily includes up-to-date evidence of their ability to perform the job for which they have been nominated in terms of qualifications, skills, experience, and English language ability. They must also meet standard requirements in terms of health, character and security.