

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 23-24 MAY 2011

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE11/0113) Program 1.1: Visa and Migration

Senator Pratt asked:

In relation to the 457 visa program, please provide, for each State and Territory separately, the names of all sponsors in the construction industry with 457 visa-holders and the total number of 457 visa grants currently approved for each sponsor.

Answer.

As at 31 May 2011, there were a total of 2 207 sponsors who sponsored at least one 457 visa holder in the construction industry.

The Department considers information about sponsors using the 457 program to be confidential and it is policy not to disclose information that would allow the identification of sponsors.

To provide a broad picture of distribution:

Sponsor office location (State/Territory)	Number of subclass 457 active sponsors where the sponsor's self identified industry is Construction as at 31 May 2011						Total number of sponsors
	less than 5	between 5 and 9	between 10 and 19	between 20 and 49	between 50 and 99	100 or more	
ACT	38	1				1	40
NSW	597	42	19	12	3	5	678
NT	38	2	1				41
QLD	363	20	8	7	4	2	404
SA	52	6	1	1		1	61
TAS	3						3
VIC	381	21	8	4	1		415
WA	459	39	26	8	8		540
Not Specified	21	2	2				25
Total	1 952	133	65	32	16	9	2 207