

## QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

### BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARINGS: 23 -24 MAY 2011

#### IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

#### **(BE11/0115) Program 1.1: Visa and Migration**

Senator Pratt (written) asked:

In relation to the Regional Sponsored Migration Scheme (RSMS or visa subclass 119/857), provide the number of RSMS visa-holders currently in Australia and whose visa was granted since 1 May 2009, by occupation (ANZSCO 6-digit) in which the visa was granted and State/Territory.

*Answer:*

On 29 June 2011, a total of 7 806 principal visa holders, whose subclass 119 or 857 visas had been granted in the period 1 May 2009 to 31 May 2011, were in Australia. This figure does not include visa holders who:

- are dependants of the principal visa holder; or
- had not arrived in Australia as at 29 June 2011; or
- were offshore as at 29 June 2011; or
- had gained Australian citizenship.

Statistics are included at [Attachment A](#).