

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 27-28 May 2013**

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

**(BE13/0334) PROGRAM – 1.1: Visa and Migration**

Senator Cash (Written) asked:

How many request for labour agreements for semi-skilled occupations were received in the financial year to date? What industries were these requests received in? How many were approved?

*Answer:*

In the financial year to 27 May 2013, there have been 44 requests lodged for labour agreements for semi-skilled occupations. These were in fishing, pork production, mining, snowsports, transport, accommodation and food services, and meat processing.

Of these, four agreements have been approved.