

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

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IMMIGRATION AND MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO

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Senator Carr asked:

1. Is the Department monitoring trends in the occupations and countries of origin of 457 visa holders? Has any analysis been undertaken?
2. Can the Committee be provided with copies of any reports or papers commissioned or produced by DIMA on these matters?

Answer:

1. The Department is monitoring trends in the occupations and source countries of 457 visa holders. Reports showing the main occupations and source countries, including comparison with previous periods have been produced on a regular basis. Such information is analysed and contributes to policy formulation. The Department has recently developed a new report, the Visa Subclass 457 Business (Long Stay) State/Territory Summary Report (Id 672) which consolidates this information. It is being used by the Commonwealth State Working Party on Skilled Migration.
2. A copy of the Visa Subclass 457 Business (Long Stay) State/Territory Summary Report is attached.