

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

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IMMIGRATION AND MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO

(131) Output 1.1: Migration and Temporary Entry

Senator Carr asked:

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1. In what ASCO classifications are workers coming to Australia on 457 visas to work in the retail sector?
2. Is there a shortage of retail workers able and or qualified to work in those jobs?
3. What labour market testing has there been on this question? What does it show?
4. Are you aware of the factors that have led to an increase from 490 retail employers who were 457 sponsors in 2004-05 to 690 just a year later? Why the sudden leap?

Answer:

1.

Occupation
Motor Mechanic
Sales and Marketing Manager
Marketing Specialist
Business and Information Professionals NEC
General Manager
Baker
Hairdresser
Customer Service Manager
Cook
Project or Program Administrator
Specialist Managers NEC
Chef
Supply and Distribution Manager
Fitter
Sales Representative (Personal and Household Goods)
Pastry cook
Other
Total

2. The retail sector covers a very wide range of occupations. The rate of job creation in recent years and the very low rate of unemployment means there are now skill shortages in almost every sector in the economy.
3. This is a question best directed to DEWR.
4. Please refer to the response to Parts 2 and 3 above.