

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 30 October 2006

IMMIGRATION AND MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO

(139) Output 1.1 Migration and Temporary Entry

Senator Carr (L&CA written) asked

1. Does DIMA regularly or routinely monitor trends in 457 visa applications and grants across industries and occupations, to check for sudden changes that might suggest the need for investigation of practices?
2. If there is a sudden increase in the number of persons granted 457 visas in a particular occupation or industry, for example a jump in slaughterpersons from 210 one year to 950 the next, does the Department routinely pay particular attention to that change?
3. Would such monitoring perform a useful function? Why, or why not?
4. What resources are, or could be, available in DIMA to monitor in this way?

Answer:

1. Yes
- 2 & 3. Yes
4. The relevant section in DIMA undertakes this function.