

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

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(21) Output 1.1: Migration and Temporary Entry

Senator Carr (L&CA 28) asked:

What are the forecasts for the growth of 457 visas?

Answer:

The Subclass 457 visa is managed on a demand driven basis. The number of Subclass 457 visas granted (excluding Independent Executives and rounded to the nearest 10) for the first quarter of 2006-07 was 11,060. This was an increase of 17 percent over the number of visas granted for the first quarter of 2005-06.