

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 30 October 2006

IMMIGRATION AND MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO

(36) Output 1.1 Migration and Temporary Entry

Senator Crossin (L&CA 49) asked:

How many 457 visas have been issued to foreign employers (overseas business sponsors)?

Answer:

The number of subclass 457 visas granted to primary applicants (excluding Independent Executives and rounded to the nearest 10) where the nomination was from an overseas business sponsor is shown in the table below. Please note that overseas business sponsors can include a very wide range of organisations including certain foreign government agencies and international agencies.

Financial Year	Primary Grants
2004-05	520
2005-06	900