QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 30 October 2006

IMMIGRATION AND MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO

(42) Output 1.1:   Migration and Temporary Entry

Senator Lundy (L&CA 58) asked:

In relation to the information and communications technology industry's use of 457 visas, provide the numbers of 457 visas granted in 2001-02, 2002-03, 2003-04, 2004-05 and 2005-06 and the year to date.

Answer:

The number of subclass 457 visas granted to primary applicants (excluding Independent Executives and rounded to the nearest 10) who were in an ICT occupation is as follows:

Financial Year	Primary Grants
2001-02	3,540
2002-03	3,580
2003-04	3,570
2004-05	3,810
2005-06	4,060
2006-07 to 30 Sept 2006	1,370

Note: ICT covers the following 8 occupations:

- Information Technology Manager (ASCO Code 122411)
- Systems Manager (ASCO Code 223111)
- Systems Designer (ASCO Code 223113)
- Software Designer (ASCO Code 223115)
- Applications and Analyst Programmer (ASCO Code 223117)
- Systems Programmer (ASCO Code 223119)
- Computer Systems Auditor (ASCO Code 223121)
- Computing Professionals NEC (ASCO Code 223179)