QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 30 October 2006

IMMIGRATION AND MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO

(43) Output 1.1:   Migration and Temporary Entry

Senators Lundy and Conroy (L&CA 58-59 and written) asked:

Provide the total cumulative number of ICT workers currently in Australia on the temporary skilled 457 class visa. Also express in your response what the qualification is and the weaknesses in the system and what the approximations are, to the extent that you can.

Answer:

The estimated number of primary applicants in an ICT occupation in Australia at 30 September 2006 and holding a valid 457 visa was about 4,470 (rounded to the nearest 10).

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)