

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

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IMMIGRATION AND MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO

(45) Output 1.1 Migration and Temporary Entry

Senator Carr (L&CA written) asked:

How many skilled permanent residence visas have been granted in the last financial year in the ICT industry?

Could you also provide details for both the year to date and going back five years?

Answer:

In the 2005-2006 financial year 7,576 permanent residence visas were granted to Skill Stream primary applicants with occupations in the ICT industry. The following table provides a similar breakdown for the 2006-07 financial year to 31 December 2006 and previous financial years.

Financial Year	Visas – ICT Professionals
2006-07 (as at 31 December 2006)	2,930
2004-05	9,012
2003-04	9,445
2002-03	6,209
2001-02	7,513