

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

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IMMIGRATION AND MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO

(91) Output 1.1 Migration and Temporary Entry

Senator Conroy asked:

What proportion of the holders of 457 visas in the Australian ICT industry are employed at or below the gazetted minimum wage for 457 visa holders?

Answer:

Sub-class 457 primary visa holders must be paid at least the relevant Minimum Salary Level (MSL) or the relevant industrial instrument, whichever is the higher. The only exception to this would be via a Labour Agreement that permits an exception to the MSL. At present there are no Labour Agreements for ICT occupations that have an exception to the MSL.