

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 30 October 2006

IMMIGRATION AND MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO

(93) Output 1.1 Migration and Temporary Entry

Senator Conroy (L&CA written) asked:

1. Does the Department engage in independent audits of employers of 457 visa holders?
2. If so, do these audits constitute a genuine independent investigation of the rates being paid to ICT workers or do they merely require employers to report to the department concerning prevailing rates of pay?

Answer:

1 & 2 The department conducts monitoring activities to test compliance with sponsor undertakings and investigates matters in more detail where needed. The Department also refers matters to other agencies as needed.