

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 30 October 2006

IMMIGRATION AND MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO

(95) Output 1.1 Migration and Temporary Entry

Senator Conroy (L&CA written) asked:

1. What percentage of employers of 457 visa holders have been audited with respect to their compliance with relevant minimum rates of pay in the year to date?
2. What percentage of employers of 457 visa holders have been audited with respect to their compliance with relevant minimum rates of pay in the 2004-05 financial year?
3. What percentage of employers of 457 visa holders have been audited with respect to their compliance with relevant minimum rates of pay in the 2003-04 financial year?
4. What percentage of employers of 457 visa holders have been audited with respect to their compliance with relevant minimum rates of pay in the 2002-03 financial year?

Answer:

In the years 2004-05, 2003-04, 2002-03 all employers were sent monitoring forms and followed up if a response when not received. Not all responses are received in the year the monitoring form is sent. In the current year DIMA is moving to a more targeted, risk-based approach to monitoring such that monitoring forms are sent to high risk employers, noting that many 457 sponsors are government agencies. Random monitoring of lesser risk employers continue.