

## QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

### SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 20 OCTOBER 2009

#### IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

#### (15) Program 1.1: Visa and Migration

Senator Fierravanti-Wells (L&C 50) asked:

For the last few years what proportion of the migration program was the employer-sponsored category?

*Answer:*

**Table 1** below shows the migration program outcome for Employer Sponsored migrants and the percentage contribution of Employer Sponsored category to the Skilled Migration Program outcome for 2005-06 to 2008-09 program years.

**Table 1: Employer Sponsored Migration Program Outcome**

	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Employer Sponsored	15 230	16 590	23 760	38 030
Total Skilled Migration Program Outcome	97 340	97 920	108 540	114 780
% of Employer Sponsored to the Skilled Migration Program	15.6	16.9	21.9	33.1

- In addition to permanent Employer Sponsored migration visas, the Department also granted Temporary Business Skilled Long Stay (Subclass 457) visas in 2005-06, 2006-07, 2007-08 and 2008-09 (Table below). These are also employer sponsored visas for a temporary period of stay up to 4 years.

#### Subclass 457 visa applications granted <sup>(1)</sup> : 2005-06 through to 2008-09

Applicant Type	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Primary	39 530	46 680	58 050	50 660
Secondary	31 620	40 640	52 520	50 620
<b>Total</b>	<b>71 150</b>	<b>87 310</b>	<b>110 570</b>	<b>101 280</b>

<sup>(1)</sup> Excludes Independent Executives.

**Note:** Figures have been rounded to the nearest ten. Therefore, total of individual components may not be equal to the total.