

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 20 OCTOBER 2009**

**IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO**

**(22) Program 1.1: Visa and Migration**

Senator Fierravanti-Wells (L&C 56-57) asked:

Are there any compliance problems with the Working Holiday visas?

*Answer:*

There are no systemic compliance problems with the Working Holiday (subclass 417) visa program's caseload. As at 30 June 2009, there were 965 Working Holiday visa overstayers relative to more than 187 000 visas granted in the 2008-09 financial year. As such it is considered to be a very low risk visa caseload.