

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 19 OCTOBER 2010

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(202) Program 1.1: Visa and Migration

Senator Cash asked:

- (1) In 2009-10 how many employers sought the approval of a Labour Agreement?
- (2) How many of those were approved?
- (3) How many of those were refused?
- (4) How many of those were withdrawn?

Answer:

(1)-(4) In 2009-10, 59 employers provided a submission requesting access to a labour agreement. Of these:

- 8 were approved;
- 6 were declined;
- 2 were withdrawn;
- 3 resulted in negotiations ceasing; and
- 40 remain under active negotiation and consideration.