

## QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

### SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 19 OCTOBER 2010

#### IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

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

Senator Cash asked:

- (1) How many 457 visas were granted in 2009-10?
- (2) How many to date this year?
- (3) How many are subject to a Labour Agreement?
- (4) How many applications were there?
- (5) In what industries?

Answer:

- (1) The number of subclass 457 visa applications granted in the 2009-10 financial year is shown in the following table:

<b>Applicant type</b>	<b>Number of grants</b>
Primary applicants	34 790
Secondary applicants	33 190
<b>Total</b>	<b>67 980</b>

*Note 1: Figures rounded to the nearest 10*

- (2) The number of subclass 457 visa applications granted in the 2010-11 financial year to 31 October 2010 is shown in the following table:

<b>Applicant type</b>	<b>Number of grants</b>
Primary applicants	14 900
Secondary applicants	13 220
<b>Total</b>	<b>28 130</b>

*Note 1: Figures rounded to the nearest 10*

- (3) The number of subclass 457 primary visa applications granted under a Labour Agreement in 2009-10 was 980 and in 2010-11 to 31 October 2010 was 270, both figures rounded to the nearest 10.

- (4) The number of subclass 457 primary visa applications lodged in 2009-10 was 38,900 and in 2010-11 to 31 October 2010, 16,250 applications were lodged.

(5) The number of subclass 457 primary visa applications lodged by sponsor industry in 2009-10 and in 2010-11 to 31 October 2010 is shown in the following table:

<b>Sponsor Industry</b>	<b>2009-10</b>	<b>2010-11 to 31/10/2010</b>
Accommodation and Food Services	1 510	710
Administrative and Support Services	330	130
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	700	160
Arts and Recreation Services	640	180
Construction	3 880	2 020
Education and Training	2 260	780
Electricity, Gas, Water and Waste Services	510	250
Financial and Insurance Services	2 150	840
Health Care and Social Assistance	6 710	2 100
Information Media and Telecommunications	4 010	1 840
Manufacturing	2 190	760
Mining	2 580	1 100
Other Services	3 590	1 900
Professional, Scientific and Technical	1 110	730
Public Administration and Safety	890	250
Rental, Hiring and Real Estate Services	2 250	1 120
Retail Trade	1 120	460
Transport Postal and Warehousing	500	190
Wholesale Trade	800	330
Not Specified	1 160	410
<b>Total</b>	<b>38 900</b>	<b>16 250</b>

*Note 1: Figures rounded to the nearest 10*

*Note 2: The industry is self-identified by the sponsor*