

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 17 OCTOBER 2011

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE11/0151) Program 1.1: Visa and Migration

Senator Cash asked:

457 visas and skilled migration: How many 457 visas were granted in 2010-2011? How many so far this year to date? In what industries? How many are subject to a Labour Agreement?

Answer:

In 2010-11 48 080 Subclass 457 visas were granted - 46 690 Subclass 457 visas granted in association with the Standard Business Sponsorship stream of the program and 1390 granted in association with a Labour Agreement.

In 2011-12 to 31 October 2011, 22 830 Subclass 457 visas have been granted – 22 130 have been granted in association with the Standard Business Sponsorship stream of the program and 700 in association with a Labour Agreement.

The below table provides a breakdown of visa grants for by industry.

Subclass 457 primary applications granted by sponsor industry and sponsorship type

Sponsor Industry	2010-11			2011-12 to 31/10/11		
	Standard Business Sponsorship / Other	Labour Agreement	Total	Standard Business Sponsorship / Other	Labour Agreement	Total
Accommodation and Food Services	1 540	0	1 540	990	10	990
Administrative and Support Services	200	0	200	100	10	110
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	370	110	470	190	130	330
Arts and Recreation Services	730	150	890	310	< 5	310
Construction	5 760	160	5 920	2 840	160	3 000
Education and Training	2 770	0	2 770	1 120	0	1 120
Electricity, Gas, Water and Waste Services	710	0	710	350	0	350
Financial and Insurance Services	2 620	< 5	2 620	1 000	0	1 000
Health Care and Social Assistance	6 110	160	6 270	2 830	30	2 860
Information Media and Telecommunications	5 340	90	5 430	2 460	50	2 510
Manufacturing	2 410	90	2 490	1 210	40	1 250
Mining	3 610	40	3 650	1 940	40	1 970
Other Services	5 570	390	5 960	2 780	130	2 910
Professional, Scientific and Technical	2 450	100	2 550	1 420	50	1 470
Public Administration and Safety	520	0	520	160	0	160
Rental, Hiring and Real Estate Services	2 430	40	2 470	760	20	780
Retail Trade	1 230	0	1 230	650	0	650
Transport Postal and Warehousing	610	30	640	260	20	280
Wholesale Trade	940	20	950	450	< 5	450
Not Recorded	770	20	780	310	30	330
Total	46 690	1 390	48 080	22 130	700	22 830

Source: Department of Immigration and Citizenship, 2011 (BE4629.01)

Note 1: Figures rounded to the nearest 10