

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 17 OCTOBER 2011

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(SE11/ 0178) Program 1.1: Visa and Migration

Senator Cash asked:

In respect of all Enterprise Migration Agreements (EMAs) and all Labour Agreement currently in National Office and approved or declined in the previous twelve months, how many applications have requested concessions in each of the following area- Skills, English language or salary?

Answer:

As yet, there are no Labour Agreements in place under EMAs.

Of the 40 Labour Agreement requests seeking concessions (as compared to the standard 457 visa program) that were approved between 1 November 2010 and 31 October 2011, all requested a skills concession and 20 requested an English concession.

Of the eight Labour Agreement requests seeking concessions that were refused between 1 November 2010 and 31 October 2011, seven requested a skills concession and one requested an English concession.

Of the 49 Labour Agreement requests seeking concessions that were still being negotiated as at 31 October 2011, all requested a skills concession, 19 requested an English concession and one requested a salary concession.