

## QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

### SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 15 October 2012

#### IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

#### (SE12/0224) PROGRAM – 1.1: Visa and Migration

Senator Cash (written) asked:

How many 457 visas have been granted in 2011-12 and in what industries?  
How many is it anticipated will be granted in 2012-13?

*Answer:*

68 313 primary 457 visas have been granted in 2011-12. The table below provides a breakdown by sponsor industry:

<b>Sponsor Industry</b>	<b>457 Primary Visa Grants</b>
Accommodation and Food Services	3655
Administrative and Support Services	319
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	983
Arts and Recreation Services	927
Construction	9159
Education and Training	3412
Electricity, Gas, Water and Waste Services	1051
Financial and Insurance Services	2513
Health Care and Social Assistance	7874
Information Media and Telecommunications	7520
Manufacturing	4104
Mining	6463
Not Recorded	1176
Other Services	7895
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	4887
Public Administration and Safety	503
Rental, Hiring and Real Estate Services	1496
Retail Trade	2217
Transport, Postal and Warehousing	850
Wholesale Trade	1309
<b>Total</b>	<b>68 313</b>

25 903 primary 457 visas have been granted in 2012-13 as of 31 October 2012. The table below provides a breakdown by sponsor industry:

<b>Sponsor Industry</b>	<b>457 Primary Visa Grants</b>
Accommodation and Food Services	2 101
Administrative and Support Services	121
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	560
Arts and Recreation Services	245
Construction	3251
Education and Training	1156
Electricity, Gas, Water and Waste Services	431
Financial and Insurance Services	885
Health Care and Social Assistance	3043
Information Media and Telecommunications	2411
Manufacturing	1617
Mining	2053
Not Recorded	405
Other Services	3009
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	2315
Public Administration and Safety	177
Rental, Hiring and Real Estate Services	161
Retail Trade	1038
Transport, Postal and Warehousing	370
Wholesale Trade	554
<b>Total</b>	<b>25 903</b>

The Department does not attempt to forecast 457 visa grant levels as demand for this visa subclass is subject to changes in labour market demand and policy. Although the Department does include 457 visa holders in its Net Overseas Migration forecasts, these have their basis in long-term overseas arrivals and departures, and not the number of visas granted over any given period.