

## QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

### SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 15 October 2012

#### IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

#### **(SE12/0253) PROGRAM – 1.1: Visa and Migration**

Senator Cash (written) asked:

How many 410 visa holders currently reside in Australia? Please provide a breakdown including numbers of 410 visa holders in each state and nationalities including percentages and total number of 410 visa holders.

*Answer:*

The Retirement (Subclass 410) visa allows holders to spend as much or as little of their time in Australia as they wish. In addition, visa holders are able to live in any part of Australia, and are free to move from one state or territory to another. Because these matters are not part of the visa eligibility requirements, the Department does not keep records of whether or not Subclass 410 visa holders reside in Australia or, if they do, the state or territory in which they reside. The information provided is therefore an estimate based on available data.

As at 30 June 2012 there were 5956 Subclass 410 visa holders. Of these, 3582 were onshore and 2374 offshore.

In order to estimate the number of these visa holders who reside in Australia we have calculated the proportion of time each visa holder has spent in Australia since the grant of their first Subclass 410 visa. For this purpose visa holders have been taken to reside in Australia where they have spent at least as much time in Australia as overseas in the time elapsed. Approximately 4604 Subclass 410 visa holders had spent at least 50 per cent of their time in Australia.

A breakdown of this group by citizenship is provided in the following table.

<b>Citizenship Country</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
United Kingdom	3042	66
Japan	263	6
Federal Republic of Germany	198	4
United States of America	177	4
South Africa	138	3
Kingdom of the Netherlands,	107	2
Switzerland	101	2
Singapore	74	2
Peoples Republic of China	57	1

France	55	1
Other	392	9

The table below sets out the percentage of Subclass 410 visa holders by state / territory based on those visa holders for whom the Department holds an Australian residential address (just over 75 per cent of Subclass 410 visa holders).

<b>State / Territory</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
ACT	0
NSW	20
NT	0
QLD	34
SA	6
TAS	1
VIC	10
WA	28