

Please see below links to the evidence referred to in the BCA's submission on the Migration Amendment (Temporary Sponsored Visas) Bill 2013

This was requested by the Senate Committee in the hearing I attended this morning

The BCA submission drew upon these publications in our argument that the available evidence does not support the claim that there is widespread "rotting" or excessive growth in the scheme:

- The Migration Council of Australia report "457 visa program is more than temporary" at <http://www.migrationcouncil.org.au/policy/policy-papers/> which we refer to in order to question the government's interpretation of the 15% survey claim, and also to point to the high satisfaction and low levels of problems found by the survey.
- A Department of Immigration and Citizenship paper to the Ministerial Advisory Council on Skilled Migration released under FoI which states "In the rare instances where there is a significant body of evidence that an employer is discriminating in favour of overseas workers, an employer may be sanctioned" available at <http://www.immi.gov.au/about/discussion-papers/doc/strengthening-integrity-457-program.pdf>
- Department of Immigration and Citizenship, Subclass 457 State/Territory summary report 2012-13 to 30 April 2013, which has data showing the visas granted are only 1.7% higher this year to date <http://www.immi.gov.au/media/statistics/pdf/457-state-territory-summary-report-apr13.pdf>
- Department of Immigration and Citizenship, media release, "457 visa program responds well to economic needs" at <http://www.newsroom.immi.gov.au/releases/457-visa-program-responds-well-to-economic-needs-3>
- Chapter 5 of a 2001 report In Australia's interests – a review of the temporary residence program at http://www.immi.gov.au/media/publications/pdf/chapter_5.pdf which we draw upon for our finding that labour market testing has been found to be costly, ineffective and inferior to the current scheme

Please let me know if I can provide any further information

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