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Question

Pacific Seasonal Workers Program

CHAIR: How many workers are currently participating in the program? Mr Roddam: In the first full year of the program, 2012-13, we had 1,473 workers. From 1 July 2013 to 31 October 2013, we have had 452 workers. That is 1,925 in total. CHAIR: Working in how many businesses? Mr Roddam: We have 42 approved employers at the moment participating in the program. Not all of those would have had workers as yet, but the overwhelming majority have. CHAIR: How many properties or businesses did the 1,473 workers from 2012-13 go to work on? Mr Roddam: I would need to take that on notice.

Answer

For the 2012-2013 financial year seasonal workers were employed on 61 properties. Note that properties may host more than one group of seasonal workers each year.