

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES - 25 FEBRUARY 2014

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(AE14/216) PROGRAMME – 1.1: Visa and Migration

Senator Carr (Written) asked:

The Department's June 2013 Submission to the Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee Inquiry into the Migration Amendment (Temporary Sponsored Visas) Bill 2013 included a chart at p12 titled 'Graph 1: ANZ Job Advertisement Series and Subclass 457 Primary Applications lodged to 31 May 2013', shown here:

Graph 1: ANZ Job Advertisement Series and Subclass 457 Primary Applications lodged to 31 May 2013.

Provide an update of this chart, and the data underlying the chart, showing the relationship between 457 primary visa applications lodged and the ANZ Job advertisement series, to end-January 2014.

Is the Department closely monitoring the relationship between these two data series?

Has the large gap, evident since around January 2011, been closed or are 457 visa lodgements still running ahead of the ANZ Job advertisement series?

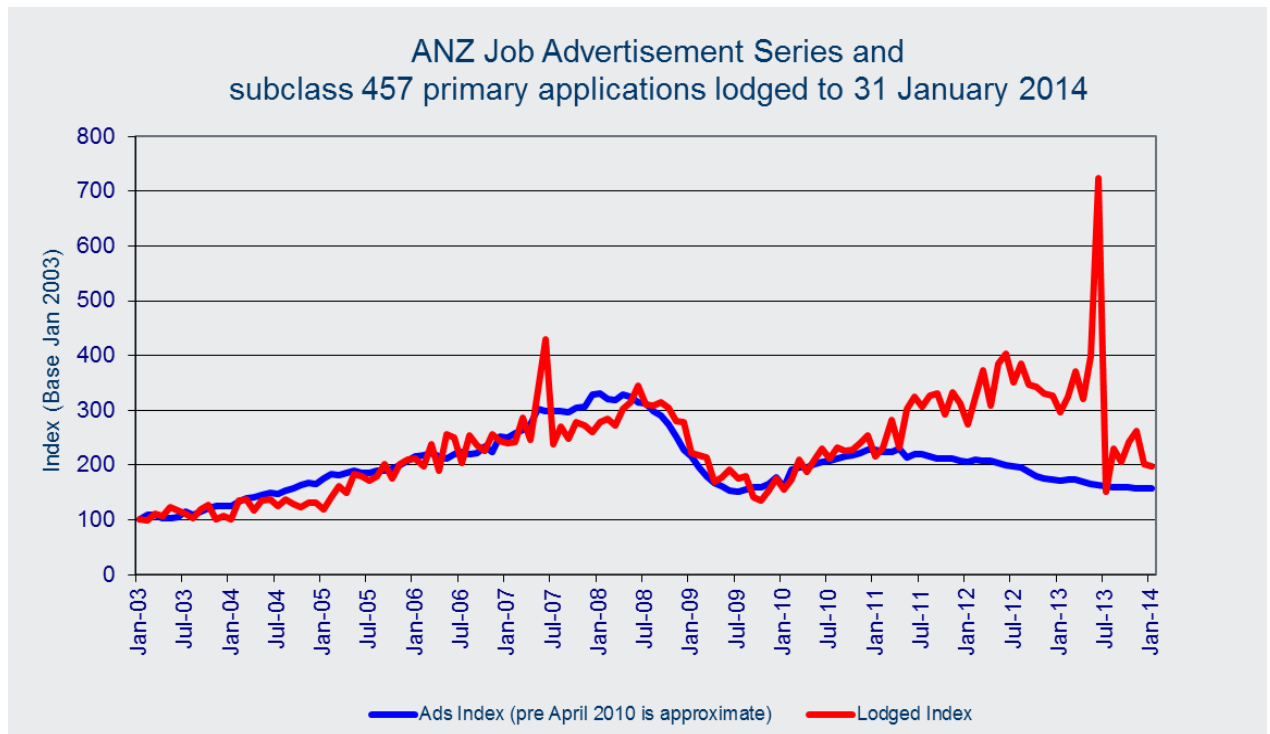
With regard to 457 visa applications lodged in 2012-13 and 2013-14 to end-January 2014, how many clients were located onshore and how many were offshore at the time visa applications were lodged in each of these periods?

Provide the same data (i.e. onshore/offshore split) for 457 visa grants, for 2012-13 and 2013-14 to end-January 2014.

Is the onshore proportion of total 457 visa applications lodged increasing or decreasing, and likewise for 457 visa grants?

Answer:

The requested chart displaying ANZ job advertisement data and subclass 457 primary applications lodged to 31 January 2014, is shown below.



As displayed in the above chart, subclass 457 primary applications lodged fell sharply between July 2013 and 31 January 2014. The large spike in May/June 2013 was most likely activity timed to precede reforms and increased VACs implemented on 1 July 2013.

As at 31 January 2014, subclass 457 primary application lodgements appear to have returned to be broadly in-line with the ANZ Ads Index as it was prior to mid-2011. The department will continue to monitor these two data series; the next set of data will not be available until July 2014.

Please refer to the attached spreadsheet for the requested data underlying the above chart.

In relation to the other specific questions asked, the department provides the following responses:

- In 2012-2013 there were 42 610 subclass 457 primary visa applications lodged onshore and 38 937 lodged offshore. In 2013-2014 to end of January 2014 there were 13 125 primary subclass 457 visa applications lodged onshore and 13 864 lodged offshore.
- In 2012-2013 there were 33 441 subclass 457 primary visas granted onshore and 35 040 granted offshore. In 2013-2014 to end of January 2014 there were 16 098 subclass 457 primary visas granted onshore and 15 427 granted offshore.
- Onshore application lodgements as at 31 January 2014 were 38 per cent lower than they were at 31 January 2013.

- There were 16 098 onshore visa grants between 1 July 2013 and 31 January 2014, compared to 19 870 onshore visa grants between 1 July 2012 and 31 January 2013, a year-on-year drop of 19 per cent.

Data behind the ANZ Job Series and subclass 457 primary applications lodged graph

Month	ANZ Job Advertisements - Seasonally Adjusted ⁽¹⁾	Subclass 457 primary applications lodged - client onshore	Subclass 457 primary applications lodged - client offshore	Subclass 457 primary applications lodged - total
January 2003	79 500	1 184	625	1 809
February 2003	87 200	1 185	612	1 797
March 2003	86 600	1 338	682	2 020
April 2003	82 400	1 233	701	1 934
May 2003	81 500	1 493	751	2 244
June 2003	83 300	1 289	838	2 127
July 2003	91 400	1 222	790	2 012
August 2003	87 400	1 112	768	1 880
September 2003	91 500	1 259	877	2 136
October 2003	96 100	1 226	1 058	2 284
November 2003	99 300	1 034	791	1 825
December 2003	100 000	1 070	861	1 931
January 2004	99 200	1 140	686	1 826
February 2004	106 300	1 749	693	2 442
March 2004	111 200	1 551	946	2 497
April 2004	112 300	1 188	942	2 130
May 2004	116 200	1 229	1 232	2 461
June 2004	118 200	1 319	1 167	2 486
July 2004	116 900	1 197	1 075	2 272
August 2004	121 700	1 261	1 226	2 487
September 2004	124 800	1 252	1 082	2 334
October 2004	129 900	1 202	1 011	2 213
November 2004	133 500	1 223	1 133	2 356
December 2004	132 100	1 206	1 159	2 365
January 2005	138 800	1 042	1 119	2 161
February 2005	146 100	1 309	1 231	2 540
March 2005	144 800	1 448	1 469	2 917
April 2005	147 600	1 275	1 425	2 700
May 2005	150 800	1 501	1 821	3 322
June 2005	147 100	1 424	1 806	3 230
July 2005	147 400	1 241	1 853	3 094
August 2005	150 400	1 384	1 867	3 251
September 2005	150 800	1 401	2 260	3 661
October 2005	153 700	1 306	1 878	3 184
November 2005	159 300	1 624	2 021	3 645
December 2005	165 200	1 472	2 320	3 792
January 2006	172 000	1 454	2 370	3 824
February 2006	172 800	1 597	1 987	3 584
March 2006	177 000	1 860	2 443	4 303
April 2006	171 300	1 340	2 073	3 413
May 2006	168 700	1 745	2 874	4 619
June 2006	174 100	1 663	2 857	4 520
July 2006	177 300	1 421	2 253	3 674
August 2006	175 100	1 702	2 901	4 603
September 2006	175 600	1 537	2 746	4 283
October 2006	185 700	1 581	2 497	4 078
November 2006	178 600	1 953	2 694	4 647
December 2006	200 100	1 803	2 594	4 397
January 2007	199 200	1 835	2 520	4 355
February 2007	206 000	1 809	2 564	4 373
March 2007	210 000	2 197	2 978	5 175
April 2007	217 300	1 749	2 694	4 443

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May 2007	239 700	2 053	4 026	6 079
June 2007	237 700	2 365	5 396	7 761
July 2007	236 500	1 755	2 561	4 316
August 2007	236 600	1 982	2 889	4 871
September 2007	235 800	1 814	2 658	4 472
October 2007	242 100	2 022	3 006	5 028
November 2007	243 800	2 221	2 716	4 937
December 2007	261 200	1 993	2 704	4 697
January 2008	263 400	1 960	3 064	5 024
February 2008	255 700	2 245	2 916	5 161
March 2008	254 000	2 062	2 863	4 925
April 2008	261 900	2 040	3 428	5 468
May 2008	257 500	2 136	3 568	5 704
June 2008	249 300	2 520	3 708	6 228
July 2008	249 100	2 155	3 480	5 635
August 2008	237 400	2 245	3 344	5 589
September 2008	231 200	2 329	3 358	5 687
October 2008	218 800	2 414	3 110	5 524
November 2008	201 200	2 380	2 697	5 077
December 2008	181 700	2 414	2 623	5 037
January 2009	171 500	1 901	2 123	4 024
February 2009	155 300	2 049	1 890	3 939
March 2009	142 100	2 130	1 749	3 879
April 2009	133 200	1 580	1 487	3 067
May 2009	129 000	1 598	1 626	3 224
June 2009	122 000	1 642	1 814	3 456
July 2009	120 000	1 546	1 635	3 181
August 2009	123 100	1 784	1 481	3 265
September 2009	127 100	1 425	1 125	2 550
October 2009	126 300	1 268	1 163	2 431
November 2009	132 200	1 408	1 370	2 778
December 2009	140 700	1 565	1 614	3 179
January 2010	127 100	1 325	1 499	2 824
February 2010	151 700	1 616	1 540	3 156
March 2010	155 300	1 841	1 952	3 793
April 2010	155 133	1 498	1 884	3 382
May 2010	160 377	1 549	2 250	3 799
June 2010	163 394	1 639	2 521	4 160
July 2010	164 854	1 516	2 302	3 818
August 2010	168 643	1 950	2 229	4 179
September 2010	170 842	1 821	2 248	4 069
October 2010	172 590	1 819	2 301	4 120
November 2010	175 989	2 022	2 307	4 329
December 2010	180 947	1 961	2 646	4 607
January 2011	181 318	1 624	2 284	3 908
February 2011	177 225	1 927	2 256	4 183
March 2011	178 477	2 459	2 664	5 123
April 2011	182 300	1 664	2 543	4 207
May 2011	169 452	2 093	3 394	5 487
June 2011	175 447	2 271	3 612	5 883
July 2011	174 012	2 040	3 503	5 543
August 2011	171 374	2 479	3 425	5 904

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September 2011	169 014	2 443	3 550	5 993
October 2011	168 471	2 237	3 046	5 283
November 2011	167 719	2 630	3 398	6 028
December 2011	165 503	2 449	3 194	5 643
January 2012	163 639	2 105	2 845	4 950
February 2012	166 323	2 572	3 309	5 881
March 2012	165 661	3 059	3 699	6 758
April 2012	164 746	2 377	3 213	5 590
May 2012	161 306	3 056	3 929	6 985
June 2012	159 377	3 356	3 925	7 281
July 2012	157 708	2 640	3 723	6 363
August 2012	154 933	3 329	3 639	6 968
September 2012	149 445	3 092	3 197	6 289
October 2012	143 516	3 137	3 049	6 186
November 2012	140 086	3 315	2 682	5 997
December 2012	137 203	3 074	2 848	5 922
January 2013	136 535	2 556	2 794	5 350
February 2013	138 584	3 161	2 722	5 883
March 2013	137 134	3 808	2 904	6 712
April 2013	134 490	3 003	2 803	5 806
May 2013	131 269	3 846	3 365	7 211
June 2013	129 423	7 856	5 243	13 099
July 2013	128 364	1 096	1 641	2 737
August 2013	126 237	2 022	2 150	4 172
September 2013	126 791	1 788	1 942	3 730
October 2013	126 816	2 160	2 227	4 387
November 2013	125 693	2 571	2 154	4 725
December 2013	124 708	1 706	1 961	3 667
January 2014	124 371	1 782	1 789	3 571

Source: Department of Immigration and Border Protection, 2014 (BE7188.02)

Note 1: Subclass 457 lodgement figures for 2013-14 are subject to variation.

Note 2: From May 2012, the ANZ changed the methodology for the ANZ Job Advertisement Series. This means that all previously published figures have been revised. The ANZ has published a graph comparing the original and revised series since July 1999. The revised figures are consistently lower.

However, the ANZ has only published the revised figures from April 2010. The variation in the period April 2010 to March 2011 to determine a factor that can be used to adjust the earlier data. The estimated figures are shown in italics.

Note that because of the new methodology, more recent figures in the job series are subject to revision by ANZ.