

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

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IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE12/0213) Program 1.1: Visa and Migration

Senator Xenophon (L&CA written) asked:

Pilots on 457 occupation list: Under what circumstances does DIAC add occupations such as pilots to the standard 457 occupation list?

Answer:

The primary criterion for inclusion on the gazetted list of occupations for the 457 visa is that the occupation is skilled. As aeroplane pilot is a highly-skilled occupation requiring the completion of a bachelor degree, a prescribed minimum amount of flying experience and occupational licensing, it is eligible for nomination under the 457 visa program.