

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 21-22 MAY 2012

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE12/0214) Program 1.1: Visa and Migration

Senator Xenophon asked:

Pilots on 457 occupation list: When was the first decision made to add pilots to this list? Has the decision ever been reviewed? How many times and when? Can you provide the details of these reviews and how they were undertaken?

Answer:

The occupation of aeroplane pilot has been included on the gazetted list of occupations eligible for nomination under the 457 visa program since such a list was first introduced on 1 July 2001. All occupations have been reviewed with the introduction of the Consolidated Sponsored Occupation List (CSOL) implemented on 1 July 2012.