QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 15 October 2012

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(SE12/0227) PROGRAM – 1.1: Visa and Migration

Senator Cash (written) asked:

How many requests for Labour Agreements for semi-skilled occupations were received in the financial year to date? How many were approved?

Answer:

In the 2012-13 program year to 15 October 2012, the Department received 16 new labour agreement requests for semi-skilled occupations from employers in the fishing, snowsports, fast food, tourism, manufacturing, construction and agriculture industries. Fourteen have been approved.