

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

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Outcome 2 - Workplace Relations and Economic Strategy

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Senator Marshall provided in writing

Question

Skilled Migration - Engineering - 457 Subclass Visa Applications

1. How many applications have been granted for 457 subclass visas since 2004-05 to applicants from the engineering profession, by:
 - a. Financial year; and
 - b. Discipline of engineering?

2. How many applications for 457 subclass visas have been granted to applicants from the engineering profession, who have previously held student subclass visas since 2004-05 by
 - a. Financial year; and
 - b. Discipline of engineering and financial year?

Answer

1. The Department of Immigration and Border Protection (DIBP) is responsible for data and reports on the number of temporary work skilled (subclass 457) visa applications and visa grants. Some data on the subclass 457 program is publicly available on data.gov.au.

2. The Department of Employment does not have access to DIBP data on the number of subclass 457 visas granted to applicants who previously held student subclass visas.