

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES – 26 – 27 MAY 2014

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(BE14/121) PROGRAMME – 1.2: Visa and Citizenship

Senator Carr (L&CA 86) asked:

Senator KIM CARR: Can you provide the number of people working on 457 visas by firm or company?

Dr Southern: That would be by sponsors?

Senator KIM CARR: Yes.

Dr Southern: Yes, we can take it on notice. The only reason I am hesitating is just in relation to the commercial aspects of those arrangements. But we certainly know how many visa holders each sponsor has.

Answer:

Information about specific sponsors is only provided to certain government departments and agencies in very limited circumstances. The department is unable to release the names of sponsors to the general public without the consent of the sponsor.