

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING : 26 May 2015

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(BE15/105) - Company Contracts - 457 - Programme 2.3: Visas

Senator Hanson-Young, Sarah (L&CA 88) asked:

Senator HANSON-YOUNG: Can you tell us whether Thiess were on this accredited list? Were they a registered 457 company?

Mr Wilden: I honestly do not have an answer to that in front of me. I need to also just confirm whether we are at liberty to provide the name of the company on the sponsor list. If we are allowed to then I shall.

Senator HANSON-YOUNG: Yes, thank you. I would like to know whether they are on the list or have been on the list, and whether, as a result of the actions that been referred to, they have been revoked of that accreditation. I assume you will have to take all of that on notice.

Senator HANSON-YOUNG: If you could check that would be great. I would also like to ask the department whether it could provide a copy of the full list of companies with the current sponsorship accreditation. I imagine that is fairly basic and public information.

Mr Wilden: Again, I will just check that we can give company names, the identifiers. Just as advice, there are over 30, 000 of them, so it will be a comprehensive list if we release them.

Senator HANSON-YOUNG: Could I also please have a list of the companies who have had their accreditation revoked since 2012?

Mr Wilden: Again, if that is able to be released, we shall.

Answer:

The department is unable to release the names of sponsors without the consent of the sponsor. This is for reasons of privacy and commercial sensitivity, as has been the policy under successive governments.