

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING : 23 May 2017

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(BE17/068) - 457 Changes - Correspondence - Programme 2.3: Visas

Senator Carr, Kim (L&CA) asked:

Senator KIM CARR: I see. Have there been many items of correspondence to the Department of Immigration and Border Protection in regard to these matters?

Mr Pezzullo: I would not say 'many'. There has certainly been public commentary, which obviously comes into the department. I will have to take on notice how many discrete pieces of correspondence come to either me, the minister or officers of my department. I would not say we have been overwhelmed, but we have noticed the level of noise and the level of concern in some sectors, and it can all be addressed.

Answer:

Between 18 April 2017 and 23 May 2017, approximately 381 pieces of correspondence regarding the Temporary Skilled Work visa (subclass 457) reforms were addressed to the Department of Immigration and Border Protection.