

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES – 20 OCTOBER 2014

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(SE14/169) PROGRAMME – Internal Product

Senator Cameron (Written) asked:

With reference to correspondence of 30 July, 2014 (Ref: 1406/01401) from the Assistant Minister for Immigration and Border Protection, Senator the Hon. Michaelia Cash to the Construction, Forestry, Mining and Energy Union in relation to alleged breaches of the conditions relating to Subclass 457 visa holders employed by Samsung C & T at the Roy Hill mine site, and which confirmed that the Department is investigating the matter and that “the issues you have raised are being investigated thoroughly”:

- a. How many of the Subclass 457 visa holders sponsored by Samsung C & T to work at Roy Hill are still in Australia?
- b. How many of the Subclass 457 visa holders sponsored by Samsung C & T to work at Roy Hill are no longer in Australia?
- c. Are any of the Subclass 457 visa holders sponsored by Samsung C & T to work at Roy Hill but who are no longer working at Roy Hill working at any other site for Samsung C & T or for any other sponsor? If so, how many?
- d. Does Samsung C & T sponsor Subclass 457 visa holders to work on worksites other than the Roy Hill mine site? If so, where and how many Subclass 457 visa holders are employed by Samsung C & T on each of those sites?

Answer:

- a. Departmental systems indicate 169 visa holders sponsored by Samsung C&T under the 457 programme were in Australia on 11 November 2014. The number actually working at the Roy Hill site is not available from departmental systems.
- b. As at 11 November 2014, 27 subclass 457 visa holders sponsored by Samsung C&T have departed the country and no longer have subclass 457 visas in effect. It is unknown how many of these actually worked at the Roy Hill site as the place of work of the visa holder is not available from departmental systems.
- c. The number of 457 visa holders sponsored by Samsung C&T to work on sites other than the Roy Hill mine site is not available from departmental systems. The department is aware of one 457 visa holder formerly sponsored by Samsung C&T who is currently working for another sponsor.
- d. The number of 457 visa holders sponsored by Samsung C&T to work on sites other than the Roy Hill mine site is not available from departmental systems.