

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES – 20 OCTOBER 2014

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(SE14/171) PROGRAMME – Internal Product

Senator Cameron (Written) asked:

With reference to the Fair Work Ombudsman 457 Visa Monitoring – Detail Report for monitoring of Subclass 457 Visa conditions for the period between 18 September 2013 and 30 June 2014:

- a. Does the report reflect the results of Subclass 457 Visa monitoring carried out by Fair Work Ombudsman on behalf of the Department of Immigration and Border Protection in accordance with a Memorandum of Understanding between the Department and the Fair Work Ombudsman?
- b. Has the Department received the report from the Fair Work Ombudsman?
- c. Does the Department provide the Fair Work Ombudsman with up to date data including the name of the visa holder, the name of the employing sponsor and the address of the employing sponsor in order to inform the Fair Work Ombudsman's visa monitoring activities?

Answer:

- a. The department receives a monthly report from FWO regarding the 457 monitoring work that they have conducted under the terms of the Memorandum of Understanding. Due to reporting time lags there may be some minor statistical differences between the data in the monthly report received by the department and the data referred to in the consolidated report. The FWO statistics reflect the number of visa holders, while the departmental data focuses on sponsors.
- b. Refer to (a) above.
- c. Yes.