

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES – 20 OCTOBER 2014

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(SE14/425) PROGRAMME – 1.2: Visa and Citizenship

Senator Carr (Written) asked:

- (a) How many people are currently working in Australia on 417 Visas?
- (b) How does this compare with the figures from this time last year?

Answer:

(a) While the Working Holiday (subclass 417) and Work and Holiday (subclass 462) visas include work rights, they are not work visas per se and undertaking work is an optional part of the Working Holiday Maker programme. The Department of Immigration and Border Protection does not collect data regarding the number of Working Holiday and Work and Holiday visa holders actively engaged in employment at any one time. Working Holiday and Work and Holiday visa holders in Australia, may, at any given time, potentially be engaged in employment activities.

(b) Departmental reporting systems do not capture this information.