

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

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IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(50) Output 1.1: Migration and Temporary Entry

Senator Kirk (L&CA 45) asked:

Provide the reasons for the transfer from 442 to 457 visas in a randomly selected half a dozen cases.

Answer:

Case 1: The applicant, a German citizen, had been an employee with a major European company since October 2004. The Australia arm of that company nominated the applicant for occupational training as a computing professional (ASCO 2231-79), and the applicant was granted a subclass 442 visa in July 2005. The training program focussed on developing project management, communications and information technology skills. At the end of the training program, the Australian company nominated the applicant for business temporary entry (long stay) as a business process analyst (against ASCO 2299-79), and the applicant was granted a subclass 457 visa in December 2006.

Case 2: The applicant, a Dutch citizen, was studying nursing in the Netherlands, and was required to undertake a placement to complete their studies. A Victorian medical institute nominated the applicant for a four month occupational training placement and a subclass 442 visa was granted in November 2005. At the end of the training program, the medical institute nominated the applicant for business temporary entry (long stay) as a registered nurse, and the applicant was granted a subclass 457 visa in October 2006. (Visa grant was delayed pending confirmation of registration as a nurse.)

Case 3: The applicant, a Philippines citizen, was nominated by a NSW government area health service to undertake a program of structured workplace training as a paediatrician, and was granted a subclass 442 visa in April 2005. At the completion of their training in April 2006, the applicant obtained registration, the area health service nominated them for business temporary entry (long stay) as a paediatrician, and the applicant was granted a subclass 457 visa in May 2006.

Case 4: The applicant, a Malaysian citizen, was nominated by a NSW government area health service as an advanced haematology trainee, and was granted a subclass 442 visa in January 2005. At the completion of their training in January 2006, the applicant was nominated by the area health service for business temporary (long stay) as a general medical practitioner to work in the field of clinical pathology and haematology, and was granted a subclass 457 visa in January 2006.

Case 5: The applicant, an Indian citizen, was granted a dependant subclass 442 visa in February 2006. In July 2006, the applicant was nominated by Queensland Health for business

temporary (long stay) to work as a medical practitioner, and was granted a subclass 457 visa in August 2006.

Case 6: The applicant, an Irish citizen, was nominated by a NSW government area health service for a training position in June 2004 and granted a subclass 442 visa in August 2004. In April 2005, a Queensland hospital nominated the applicant for a training position (designated by a specialist college), and the applicant was granted a further subclass 442 visa in July 2005. The applicant was later appointed to a Senior House Officer position and was granted a subclass 457 visa in July 2006.