

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

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IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(61) Program 1.1: Visa and Migration

Senator Cash asked:

How many Working Holiday Maker visas and extensions to these visas have been granted for the last 5 financial years?

Answer:

The number of Working Holiday Maker visas and extensions to these visas that have been granted for the last five financial years, is in the table below.

Terminology

The Department uses the term "Working Holiday Maker" (WHM) to refer collectively to both the Working Holiday (subclass 417) visa and the Work and Holiday (subclass 462) visa programs.

Subclass 417 and 462 visas granted between 2005-06 and 2009-10

Visa Type	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10
417 (initial)	111 257	126 822	142 332	165 969	150 433
417 (second)	2 679	7 790	11 816	21 727	25 306
462	751	1 810	3 426	6 407	7 422
Total	114 687	136 422	157 574	194 103	183 161

Note: Holders of a Working Holiday (Subclass 417) visa, who have undertaken at least 88 days of specified work in primary industry, mining or construction in defined areas of regional Australia may be eligible to apply for (and be granted) a second 417 visa.