

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES - 25 FEBRUARY 2014

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(AE14/226) PROGRAMME – 1.1: Visa and Migration

Senator Carr (Written) asked:

Provide the number of WHV visas granted in the period 1 July 2013 to 15 February 2014, showing separately first 417 visa second 417 visa and 462 visa grants. Provide numbers for the corresponding period 1 July 2012 to 15 February 2013.

Are WHV visa grant numbers continuing to increase? What is the projected number of WHV visa grants for the current FY 2013-14, based on current trends?

Provide for these two periods, the number of second WHV grants by employer industry in which specified work performed.

Answer:

The number of Working Holiday Maker visas granted in the period 1 July 2013 to 15 February 2014 and in the corresponding period in 2012-13 is set out in the table below:

Visa Type	Visa grants 1 July 2013 to 15 February 2014	Visa grants 1 July 2012 to 15 February 2013
Initial Working Holiday (subclass 417) visa	125 887	140 668
Second Working Holiday (subclass 417) visa	30 475	23 966
Work and Holiday (subclass 462) visa	6 596	5 750
Total	162 958	170 384

Current trends show that in the period 1 July 2013 to 28 February 2014, initial Working Holiday (Subclass 417) visa grant numbers declined at the rate of 10.6 per cent (from 147 521 to 131 894) and second Working Holiday (Subclass 417) visa

grant numbers increased at the rate of 26.2 per cent (from 25 580 to 32 281), compared to the same period in 2012-13.

In the same period, 1 July 2013 to 28 February 2014, Work and Holiday (Subclass 462) visa grant numbers increased at the rate of 15.5 per cent (from 6 018 to 6 953), compared to the same period in 2012-13.

Based on these trends, the projected number of initial Working Holiday (Subclass 417) visa grants in 2013-14 is around 192 300, and the projected number of second Working Holiday (Subclass 417) visa grants in 2013-14 is around 48 800.

Based on current trends, the projected number of Work and Holiday (Subclass 462) visa grants in 2013-14 is around 10 400.

In the period from 1 July 2013 to 15 February 2014, of the 30 475 total second Working Holiday (Subclass 417) visas granted, 27 249 second Working Holiday visa holders were employed in the agriculture, forestry and fishing industry; 2 276 visa holders were employed in the construction industry and 378 visa holders were employed in the mining industry. Data for the remaining 572 visa holders is not able to be disaggregated due to a range of factors, including the employer data provided may cover more than one business activity or the work may have been a volunteer activity.

In the period from 1 July 2012 to 15 February 2013, of the 23 966 total second Working Holiday (Subclass 417) visas granted, 20 453 second Working Holiday visa holders were employed in the agriculture, forestry and fishing industry; 2 155 visa holders were employed in the construction industry and 514 were employed in the mining industry. Data for the remaining 844 visa holders is not able to be disaggregated due to a range of factors, including the employer data provided may cover more than one business activity or the work may have been a volunteer activity.