

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES - 25 FEBRUARY 2014

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(AE14/228) PROGRAMME – 1.1: Visa and Migration

Senator Carr (Written) asked:

Do any countries with which Australia has WHV agreements impose caps on the number of WHVs they issue each year to young Australians? Provide a list of these countries and the numerical caps they impose on Australians issued WHV visas.

Answer:

Currently, the only Working Holiday (Subclass 417) visa partner country to impose a cap on the number of such visas granted to Australians is the United Kingdom, which recently increased the relevant cap to 38 500 visa grants, effective 1 January 2014. The United Kingdom's domestic legislative requirements mandate that such a cap be in place.

Some Working Holiday (Subclass 417) visa partner countries exempt Australians from their capping arrangements; e.g. Canada.

All Work and Holiday (Subclass 462) partner countries, except the United States of America, impose a cap on the number of visas granted in a 12 month period. Generally, such caps are reciprocal in nature. They are outlined in the following table:

Work and Holiday Country	Number of visas each program year
Argentina	500
Bangladesh	100
Chile	1 500
Indonesia	1 000
Malaysia	100
Thailand	500
Turkey	100
USA	No cap
Uruguay	200