

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 22 May 2006**

IMMIGRATION AND MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO

**(114) Output 1.1: Migration and Temporary Entry**

Senator Carr asked:

The Minister, at the Estimates hearing of 22 May 2006, noted a lack of complaints about the exploitation of 457 visa holders from the UK and other like developed English speaking countries. Can the Department provide data on 457 visa holders by occupation and country of origin for all years since 1999?

*Answer:*

The attached table details primary Subclass 457 visas granted (excluding Independent Executives and rounded to the nearest 10) from 1 July 2001 to 30 June 2006 by occupation for the top 50 occupations by country of citizenship for the top 20 countries.