

## **QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 22 May 2006**

IMMIGRATION AND MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO

### **(124) Output 1.1: Migration and Temporary Entry**

Senator Carr asked:

Please provide details of the sanctions that apply where a sponsoring employer pays a 457 visa holder less than the current minimum.

*Answer:*

The Department may take the following action if a sponsoring employer does not comply with the sponsorship undertakings in relation to subclass 457 visa holders, including failure to ensure that their subclass 457 visa holder will be paid at least the minimum salary level in force at time of the application:

- bar the business, for a specified period, from nominating a person or activity in relation to a temporary visa;
- bar the business from sponsoring more people under existing sponsorship approvals;
- bar the business, for a specified period, from making further applications for approval as a sponsor;
- cancel the business's approval as a sponsor;
- cancel the visas of any temporary business entrants, and their accompanying dependents, sponsored by the business; and/or
- take any failure to comply with these undertakings into account in assessing any future sponsorship applications made by the business or by any other business operated by the same principals.