

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

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IMMIGRATION AND MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO

(27) Output 1.1: Migration and Temporary Entry

Senator Carr and Senator Webber (L&C 36 and written) asked:

1. In relation to subclass 457 visas, how many of the estimated 40,000 are employed by labour hire companies?
2. Provide a breakdown by industries and labour hire companies.
3. Could you also do the 40,000 and 28,000 – where the shifts have been?

Answer:

1. Information on labour hire firms is not readily accessible from DIMA systems. Extracting this information would require a detailed review of nearly ten thousand sponsorship records to assess their case and would place an unreasonable burden on the department's resources. We are aware that the resources, construction and IT industries often use labour hire companies.

2. & 3. Refer to below table.

Primary Subclass 457 visas (excluding Independent Executives and rounded to the nearest 10) granted by industry sector.

(% change is calculated on the basis of unrounded numbers.)

Industry	2004-05	2005-06	% change
Accommodation, Cafes and Restaurants	1,610	2,220	38%
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	430	1,100	156%
Communication Services	3,260	3,280	1%
Construction	1,720	3,490	103%
Cultural and Recreational Services	830	910	10%
Education	1,460	1,960	35%
Electricity, Gas and Water Supply	430	810	88%
Finance and Insurance	1,380	1,450	4%
Government Administration and Defence	240	450	86%
Health and Community Services	3,290	5,690	73%
Manufacturing	2,380	4,000	69%
Mining	1,560	2,840	82%
Personal and Other Services	2,190	2,730	25%
Property and Business Services	4,080	4,890	20%
Retail Trade	820	1,190	46%
Transport and Storage	460	650	42%
Wholesale Trade	690	1,120	61%
Not Specified / Unavailable	520	750	43%
TOTAL	27,350	39,530	45%

