

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

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Senator Carr (L&C 38) asked:

In how many instances have you found there to be a case in regard to costs of travel and training being deducted by employers from 457 visa holders' salaries?

Answer:

The Department does not keep systems-based records of the number of Subclass 457 visa holders who may have costs of travel and training deducted from their salaries. Obtaining the data for this question would involve a very substantial manual search of all files relating to 457 visas.

Deductions for travel and training costs are allowable as long as the deduction was authorised by the visa holder and this does not lead to the minimum salary level being breached.