

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

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IMMIGRATION AND MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO

(32) Output 1.1: Migration and Temporary Entry

Senator Carr (L&C 43) asked:

1. In relation to 457 visa holders, how many have found alternative sponsors?
2. You must be able to tell me how many have switched sponsors. Of the 40,000, for instance, how many have switched sponsors?

Answer:

1. In the 2005-06 programme year, the Department estimates that in excess of 3,790 clients were granted primary Subclass 457 visas (excluding Independent Executives) who had previously been granted a Subclass 457 visa between 1 July 2001 and 30 June 2006 in relation to a different sponsor.

The above figures do not include subclass 457 visa holders who obtained permanent residence and therefore could also be working for a different employer.

2. Please refer to answer to part 1.