

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

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Senator Carr asked:

Can you supply the numbers of principal applicants granted 457 visas to work in the construction industry each year since 1999?

Answer:

Due to system changes, the Department is generally only able to provide reliable details by industry sector for Subclass 457 visas since 2004-05.

On this basis, the numbers of Subclass 457 primary visas (excluding Independent Executives and rounded to the nearest 10) granted where the industry sector was recorded as construction are:

2004-05: 1,720

2005-06: 3,490