

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

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IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(42) Output 1.1: Migration and Temporary Entry

Senator Crossin (L&CA 51) asked:

Under the temporary residents economic visa, what percentage abide by their visa conditions? Has it increased or decreased since the last financial year? What percentage of visa holders have undergone a compliance check, and has that decreased?

Answer:

The percentage of Subclass 457 (Business (Long Stay)) visa holders who abide by all their visa conditions is not readily available.

Records show that in 2006-07, 1.08 per cent of Subclass 457 visa holders came to the attention of compliance for visa overstay. For the 2007-08 program year to 30 November 2007, 1.34 per cent of Subclass 457 visa holders came to the attention of compliance for visa overstay.

Records show that in 2006-07, 0.05 per cent of Subclass 457 visas were cancelled as a result of compliance activity. For the 2007-08 program year to 30 November 2007, 0.05 per cent of Subclass 457 visas were cancelled as a result of compliance activity.