

## **QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 23 - 24 MAY 2011**

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

**(BE11/0111) Program 1.1: Visa and Migration**

Senator Cash (written) asked:

Has the Department looked at having a short form renewal for 457 visas that enable an employer to state that all aspects of the initial application remain the same with the exception of the expiration date of the visa? Surely this would improve processing time and lessen the administrative burden on both the Department and stakeholders?

*Answer:*

As stated in response to questions BE11/0108 and BE11/0109, there are no procedures to renew a subclass 457 visa. When a subclass 457 visa expires, the person must apply for a new visa.

As stated in response to question BE11/0110, a person applying for a subsequent subclass 457 visa is required under legislation to meet all relevant criteria at the time their application is assessed. This necessarily includes up-to-date evidence of their ability to perform the job for which they have been nominated in terms of qualifications, skills, experience, and English language ability. They must also meet standard requirements in terms of health, character and security.