

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 21-22 MAY 2012

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE12/0204) Program 1.1: Visa and Migration

Senator Cash asked:

457 visas: How many 457 visas have been granted in 2011-12 and in what industries? How many is it anticipated will be granted in 2012-13?

Answer:

56 012 primary 457 visas have been granted in 2011-12 at 30 April 2012. The table below provides a breakdown by sponsor industry:

Sponsor Industry	Primary 457 Visa Grants
Accommodation and Food Services	2901
Administrative and Support Services	253
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	814
Arts and Recreation Services	724
Construction	7596
Education and Training	2799
Electricity, Gas, Water and Waste Services	877
Financial and Insurance Services	2036
Health Care and Social Assistance	6746
Information Media and Telecommunications	6271
Manufacturing	3325
Mining	5204
Not Recorded	939
Other Services	6390
Professional, Scientific and Technical	3869
Public Administration and Safety	390
Rental, Hiring and Real Estate Services	1419
Retail Trade	1704
Transport, Postal and Warehousing	711
Wholesale Trade	1044
Total	56012

The department does not forecast the expected number of 457 visa grants. We do forecast Net Overseas Migration but this only forecasts offshore grants of 457 visas and their impact on the population. It does not include onshore 457 visa grants.