

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 1 November 2005

IMMIGRATION AND MULTICULTURAL AND INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO

(30) Output 1.1: Non-Humanitarian Entry and Stay

Senator Crossin (L&C 62) asked:

Could you also tell me how many in the last two years have actually been employees who have been returned to their countries because of employers defaulting in the Northern Territory?

Answer:

No employees were returned to their country because of employers in the Northern Territory not meeting their sponsorship undertakings. If a business sponsorship is cancelled, the visa holder is given an opportunity to find a new sponsor, obtain another substantive visa or leave Australia.