

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 30 October 2006**

IMMIGRATION AND MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO

**(130) Output 1.1 Migration and Temporary Entry**

Senator Carr (L&CA written) asked:

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1. How many employer sponsors under the 457 program have been referred to the Office of Workplace Services in 2005-06?
2. Can you provide detail of the reasons for referring each of them to the OWS?

*Answer:*

1. Our records show that some 20 employer sponsors were referred to the predecessor of OWS in 2005-06. Other employer sponsors were referred to relevant state workplace relations agencies in 2005-06.
2. Referrals to OWS generally relate to concerns about under payment.