

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 30 October 2006

IMMIGRATION AND MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO

(143) Output 1.1 Migration and Temporary Entry

Senator Carr (L&CA written) asked:

1. Do you monitor trends in data for 457 visa numbers by nationality, industry sector and state/territory, as provided in answer to QON 54?
2. Do you know the reasons for the concentration of visa holders of particular nationalities in particular states and industries – for example, the large number of Filipino workers in WA in 2005-06 in the construction, manufacturing and wholesale trade industry sectors?
3. Do you consult with DEWR about these trends? Do you provide information to DEWR about such trends? If not, why not?
4. Do you use data such as this as a means of monitoring for possible problems and/or breaches with regard to the 457 visa program? How do you use it? If not, why not?

Answer:

1. Yes.

2. No.

3 & 4. DIMA works closely with DEWR and OWS in the management of the sub-class 457 visa and shares data on the visa with these agencies.