

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 30 October 2006

IMMIGRATION AND MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO

(156) Output 1.1 Migration and Temporary Entry

Senator Ludwig (L&CA written) asked:

With reference to the Minister's statement to the Senate on 17 October 2006 that her department is investigating 182 employers participating in the 457 scheme:

For each investigation, can the Minister:

1. Provide the name and business address of the employer under investigation.
2. Provide the number of 457 visa holders, broken down by country of origin:
 - a. Currently sponsored by the employer.
 - b. Previously sponsored by the employer.
3. Indicate whether the investigation was initiated by:
 - a. The Minister's department.
 - b. 457 visa holders.
 - c. A third party.
 - i. If so, provide further details.
4. Provide details of the matter under investigation.
5. Provide the date that the matters now under investigation were first brought to the attention of the Minister and/or her department.
6. Provide the date the investigation commenced.
7. Indicate whether the investigation has concluded. If so:
 - a. Provide the date that the investigation concluded.
 - b. The outcome of the investigation.
 - c. Indicate whether the matter was referred to the DPP for prosecution.
 - d. Indicate whether the matter was referred elsewhere for further action and if so, provide details of the reference

Answer:

It is not appropriate for the department to put into the public domain details of employers under active investigation by the department.