QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

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IMMIGRATION AND MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO

(46) Output 1.1: Migration and Temporary Entry

Senator Lundy (L&CA 61) asked:

Perhaps you could tell the committee how many people have come in this way. Could you provide the committee with the reference in the law that permits this mechanism and also the number of people who have come in specifically under that mechanism?

Answer:

People in these positions can apply under sub-class 457 if their sponsor nominates a position of 'Office Manager', can demonstrate that they have the skills for this occupation and will be paid at least the Minimum Salary Level or the relevant industrial instrument, whichever is the higher.

Around 20 primary applicants were visaed in 2005-06 under sub-class 457 as Office Managers.