

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

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IMMIGRATION AND MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO

(47) Output 1.1: Migration and Temporary Entry

Senator Lundy (L&CA 63) asked:

Could you take on notice to provide all those figures (salary levels), broken down where possible on a quarterly basis, and particularly can you tell me how frequently that ICT minimum salary is tested in the way you described against the industry average wages?

Answer:

The average salary by quarter of subclass 457 visas granted to primary applicants (excluding Independent Executives and rounded to the nearest \$100) who were in an ICT occupation is as follows:

| Financial Year | Quarter | Average Salary |
|-----------------------|----------------|-----------------------|
| 2004-05 | 1 | \$66,500 |
| 2004-05 | 2 | \$68,600 |
| 2004-05 | 3 | \$65,700 |
| 2004-05 | 4 | \$64,900 |
| 2004-05 | Full Year | \$66,300 |
| 2005-06 | 1 | \$69,800 |
| 2005-06 | 2 | \$69,900 |
| 2005-06 | 3 | \$68,100 |
| 2005-06 | 4 | \$72,800 |
| 2005-06 | Full Year | \$70,100 |
| 2006-07 | 1 | \$73,500 |

Note: ICT covers the following 8 occupations:

- Information Technology Manager (ASCO Code 122411)
- Systems Manager (ASCO Code 223111)
- Systems Designer (ASCO Code 223113)
- Software Designer (ASCO Code 223115)
- Applications and Analyst Programmer (ASCO Code 223117)
- Systems Programmer (ASCO Code 223119)
- Computer Systems Auditor (ASCO Code 223121)
- Computing Professionals NEC (ASCO Code 223179)

The minimum salary level for ICT occupations is reviewed annually based on advice from the Department of Employment and Workplace Relations.