

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 30 October 2006

IMMIGRATION AND MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO

(73) Output 1.1: Migration and Temporary Entry

Senator Crossin asked:

1. Has the Department had an application from a business in the NT to use the 457 visa for the occupation of tiler?
2. If so what is the name of that business and how many have been issued and for what period of time?

Answer:

1. Since 1 July 2003, the Department has received applications from businesses in the Northern Territory for the occupations of Wall and Floor Tiler and Roof Slater and Tiler
2. The number of subclass 457 visas granted to primary applicants (excluding Independent Executives and rounded to the nearest 10) where the nominated position was in the Northern Territory and the occupation was tiler is as follows:

| Sponsor | Occupation | Financial Year of Visa Grant | | |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------|---------|---------|
| | | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
| Roofclad Constructions (NT) Pty Ltd | Roof Slater and Tiler | | < 5 | |
| Thin Contractor Pty Ltd | Wall and Floor Tiler | < 5 | < 5 | |
| Total Development Supplies | Wall and Floor Tiler | | | 10 |

The average period of validity of subclass 457 visas granted to primary applicants (excluding Independent Executives) where the nominated position was in the Northern Territory and the occupation was tiler is as follows:

| Sponsor | Occupation | Financial Year of Visa Grant | | |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------|---------|---------|
| | | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
| Roofclad Constructions (NT) Pty Ltd | Roof Slater and Tiler | | 4 years | |
| Thin Contractor Pty Ltd | Wall and Floor Tiler | 4 years | 2 years | |

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| Total Development Supplies | Wall and Floor Tiler | | | 2 years |
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