

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

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IMMIGRATION AND MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO

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Senator Crossin asked:

What are the penalties which can be pursued against an employer?

Answer:

The Immigration regulations prescribe that the following sanctions may be applied against an employer where they are found to be in breach of the sponsorship undertakings:

- Sponsorship bars – this is a bar which prevents a sponsor making future applications for approval as a 457 sponsor
- Cancellation of existing sponsorships – this would generally be applied at a time when a sponsor has no employees in Australia under Sub-class 457
- Cancellation of visas held by sponsored employees
- Request for security to be lodged by sponsor

These sanctions are in addition to penalties that can be imposed by other agencies that have jurisdiction in matters covered by legislation.