

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 30 October 2006

IMMIGRATION AND MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO

(89) Output 1.1 Migration and Temporary Entry

Senator Conroy asked:

1. What criteria does the Department apply when determining the gazetted minimum salary for 457 visa holders working in the ICT sector?
2. Are these gazetted minimum salaries benchmarked against average industry wages for these job functions?

Answer:

1. Please refer to the answer to Question on Notice Number 124 from the Supplementary Budget Estimates Hearing on 30 October 2006.
2. The methodologies used by DEWR in their advice to the Department may include benchmarking against average industry wages.