

## **QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 30 October 2006**

**IMMIGRATION AND MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO**

### **(99) Output 1.1 Migration and Temporary Entry**

Senator Conroy asked:

1. Does the Department collect data on the base salaries paid to the holders of 457 visas?
2. What is the average wage paid to the holder of a 457 visa employed in the Australian ICT sector?
3. Does the Department benchmark the average wage paid to the holder of a 457 visa employed in the Australian ICT sector with the average wage of an Australian resident employed in the Australian ICT sector?

*Answer:*

1. The Department maintains data on the nominated base salaries specified by the employer at the time they lodge their sponsorship application.
2. Please refer to the answer to Question on Notice Number 47 from the Supplementary Budget Estimates Hearing on 30 October 2006.
3. The methodologies used by DEWR in their advice to the Department may include benchmarking against average industry wages.