

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 20 OCTOBER 2009

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(70) Program 1.1: Visa and Migration

Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked:

1. How long, on average, is the processing for a 457 visa application?
2. Provide a profile of the users of s457 visa over the past 5 years here?

Answer:

1. As at 31 October 2009, 50 per cent of 457 visa applications were finalised within 28 days of lodgement with those whose nominated occupation was in the ASCO Group 1 (Managers) and Group 2 (Professional) being finalised with 19 and 20 days respectively. Seventy five per cent of all applications were finalised within 63 days. This is against a published service standard of 3 months for “low” risk application and 4 months for “high” risk applications.

2. The following tables provide a profile of the subclass 457 program over the last 5 years:

- the industry as identified by the sponsor;
- the ASCO major group as identified by the nominated occupation;
- the top 15 occupations (based on primary applications granted in 2008-09);
- the top 15 countries of citizenship of applications granted (based on primary applications granted in 2008-09); and
- the number of subclass 457 visa holders who were subsequently granted a permanent or provisional visa.

Subclass 457 primary applications granted by sponsor industry ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾⁽³⁾

Figures rounded to the nearest 10

Sponsor Industry	Financial year of visa grant				
	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Accommodation and Food Services	1610	2220	2630	3210	2520
Administrative and Support Services ⁽³⁾	0	0	0	0	330
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	430	1100	800	960	900
Arts and Recreation Services	830	910	830	1070	810
Construction	1720	3490	4170	5690	5540
Education and Training	1460	1960	2000	2540	2500
Electricity, Gas, Water and Waste Services	430	810	760	930	930
Financial and Insurance Services	1380	1450	2130	3150	1950
Health Care and Social Assistance	3290	5690	7520	9090	9480
Information Media and Telecommunications	3260	3280	4730	5200	3990
Manufacturing	2380	4000	4340	5480	4390
Mining	1560	2840	3590	4890	4300
Other Services	2190	2730	3070	3970	2690
Professional, Scientific and Technical ⁽³⁾	0	0	0	0	70
Public Administration and Safety	240	450	790	720	840
Rental, Hiring and Real Estate Services	4080	4890	4510	6020	4620
Retail Trade	820	1190	1230	1940	1690
Transport Postal and Warehousing	460	650	740	1090	950
Wholesale Trade	690	1120	880	1220	1180
Not Recorded	520	750	1950	890	990
Total	27350	39530	46680	58050	50660

⁽¹⁾ Excludes independent executives

⁽²⁾ Sponsor industry is self-identified by the sponsor

⁽³⁾ In 2008-09, DIAC changed from using ANZSIC 1993 to ANZSIC 2006. This industry was not separately identified in ANZSIC 1993. The industry recorded for 2004-05 to 2007-08 has been mapped to the new codes using the standard mapping provided by the ABS.

Subclass 457 primary applications granted by the ASCO Major Group of the nominated occupation ⁽¹⁾

Figures rounded to the nearest 10

ASCO Major Group of the Nominated Occupation	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
1 Managers and Administrators	3 860	4 100	4 230	5 520	4 770
2 Professionals	16 080	21 510	27 210	33 890	29 830
3 Associate Professionals	3 430	4 480	5 580	7 590	6 850
4 Tradespersons and Related Workers	3 370	8 430	8 640	10 060	7 610
5 Advanced Clerical and Service Workers	10	10	10	10	20
6 Intermediate Clerical, Sales and Service Workers	300	360	330	320	290
7 Intermediate Production and Transport Workers	220	480	540	390	540
8 Elementary Clerical, Sales and Service Workers	60	70	30	0	0
9 Labourers and Related Workers	10	20	< 5	0	10
Skilled Meat Worker	0	0	0	160	600
Not Recorded	20	80	120	110	140
Total	27 350	39 530	46 680	58 050	50 660

⁽¹⁾ *Excludes independent executives*

Subclass 457 primary applications granted by nominated occupation - top 15 occupations ⁽¹⁾

Figures rounded to the nearest 10

Nominated occupation	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
232311 Registered Nurse	2310	2550	2970	3270	3850
223179 Computing Professionals NEC	1780	2260	3540	4700	3800
229979 Business and Information Professionals NEC	1190	1430	1540	2350	1930
231111 General Medical Practitioner	30	980	1630	1990	1780
332211 Chef	770	960	1000	1360	1140
231181 Medical Practitioner In Training	20	730	1290	1320	1110
129979 Specialist Managers NEC	810	880	880	1260	1090
212411 Civil Engineer	330	580	750	1190	1040
329211 Project or Program Administrator	460	630	770	1140	1030
222113 Marketing Specialist	690	770	860	1060	950
223117 Applications and Analyst Programmer	800	820	1110	1310	880
421111 Motor Mechanic	200	540	670	1030	820
223115 Software Designer	610	450	900	860	810
412215 Welder (First Class)	220	710	920	1290	750
111211 General Manager	790	780	750	850	740
Other occupations	16340	24480	27090	33080	28960
Total	27350	39530	46680	58050	50660

⁽¹⁾ Excludes independent executives. Top 15 based on grants in 2008-09

Subclass 457 primary applications granted by citizenship country - top 15 countries ⁽¹⁾

Figures rounded to the nearest 10

Citizenship Country	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
United Kingdom	7 740	9 830	10 640	13 110	11 440
India	2 880	3 990	6 520	8 250	7 420
Philippines	600	2 470	3 980	5 120	4 530
South Africa	1 230	2 040	2 410	3 260	3 190
United States of America	1 630	2 170	2 680	3 410	3 060
Peoples Republic of China	930	2 080	2 640	3 360	2 280
Republic of Ireland	1 370	1 700	1 590	2 080	2 240
Federal Republic of Germany	850	1 400	1 580	1 830	1 560
Canada	870	1 350	1 370	1 780	1 560
France	540	830	900	1 270	1 100
Malaysia	360	790	1 060	1 240	1 090
Japan	1 080	1 260	1 160	1 190	950
Kingdom of The Netherlands	350	570	690	780	670
Brazil	270	490	340	670	580
Italy	250	360	440	590	540
Other countries	6 400	8 190	8 680	10 120	8 460
Total	27 350	39 530	46 680	58 050	50 660

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Permanent / provisional visas granted where the person last held a subclass 457 visa

Figures rounded to the nearest 10

Applicant Type	Financial year of permanent / provisional visa grant				
	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Primary	7 560	8 680	9 140	11 440	17 010
Secondary	8 040	9 350	10 020	13 520	22 170
Total	15 600	18 030	19 170	24 960	39 170