

## QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

### SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 20 OCTOBER 2009

#### IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

#### (74) Program 1.1: Visa and Migration

Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked:

1. How many religious visas were granted in 06/07, 07/08, 08/09?
2. What religions were these people?

*Answer:*

1. The following table details the number of primary and secondary Religious Worker (Subclass 428) visas that were granted in the 06/07, 07/08 and 08/09 financial years.

Visa Applicant	2006-2007	2007-2008	2008-2009
Principal*	1009	1200	1011
Secondary**	537	660	561
<b>Total</b>	<b>1546</b>	<b>1860</b>	<b>1572</b>

\* Principal visa holders are the religious workers

\*\* Secondary visa holders are the dependants

2. The Department does not record the religious beliefs of individual applicants for the Religious Worker (Subclass 428) visa.