

Worker visas lauded

MORE than 400 meat workers and nurses have used category 457 visas to work temporarily in South Australia in the past year, Immigration Department data to be released today shows.

Immigration Minister Amanda Vanstone will release figures on the growth in temporary skilled migration visas across Australia.

She said the 457 visa program allowed both migrants and employers to “try before they buy”, with 25 per cent of temporary skilled migrants going on to permanent migration.