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Program 2.2: Visas

SE21-040 - Agriculture Visa - Advice

Senator Raff Ciccone asked:

Senator CICCONE: When were you then asked to provide advice?

Mr Pezzullo: In terms of the final shape?

Senator CICCONE: Yes.

Mr Pezzullo: The idea of an agricultural visa has evolved over quite a period of time.

Senator CICCONE: We've had many discussions here at estimates—

Mr Pezzullo: We've had those discussions here and, in fact, I have been asked about the government's intention to introduce such a visa on quite a number of occasions. But, Mr Willard, taking the question to be about the visa that was finally settled upon, in other words, its design, when did we provide advice by way of input to submissions and the like?

Mr Willard: I would have to come back with the precise dates in terms of advice on that.

Answer:

The Government announced the establishment of the Australian Agriculture visa on 23 August 2021.