

Response to Questions on Notice from Joint Standing Committee on Migration – 5 September 2005.

Mr Randall asked:

Could you provide the committee with details of the series of expos being held in London, Berlin, Chennai and Amsterdam later this month and in October as part of this campaign?

Will these events be coordinated across a range of industry bodies and the state and territory governments?

The response:

Offshore Skilled Migration Expos were held in London from September 27 to 29, Amsterdam on October 3 and 4, Berlin on October 6 and 7 and Chennai from October 11 to 13.

The department arranged the expos, ran advertisements in local media and asked people to register their interest in attending the expos, along with details of their qualifications, skills and CV's. The department invited people who appeared to meet requirements for skilled entry into Australia. This process was designed to provide high quality prospective migrants for the exhibitors to meet.

A total of 49 exhibitors travelled overseas to attend the series of expos. Seven state/territory governments were represented along with DIMIA and Trades Recognition Australia.

More than 8,000 prospective migrants attended the four overseas expos, 3,900 in London, 900 in Amsterdam and 1,140 in Berlin with a further 2,214 in Chennai.

As a result of the success of the expos and strong interest from employers, industry and state/territory governments, a program of possible expos in 2006 is currently being developed.