

**DRAFT TERMS OF REFERENCE
REVIEW OF TEMPORARY RESIDENCE VISA SUBCLASSES**

A review conducted by the Department of Immigration and Multicultural Affairs will enquire into and report on the effectiveness and efficiency of Australia's Temporary Entry program (excluding entry for Humanitarian, Retirement, Student, Working Holiday or Olympic [Support] purposes) with particular reference to:

The current and future needs of Australia in respect of people who enter as temporary residents and bring to Australia economic, cultural/social benefit or enhancement in terms of international relations.

The extent to which existing policy meets temporary labour market shortages of specialist employment skills.

The extent to which existing criteria and conditions can be modified to allow rationalisation of visa classes and subclasses, limited to visas in the 400 stream under review. The opportunity to:

improve efficiency of visa application processing;
investigate and resolve areas of specific concern identified with individual visas; and
examine technical concerns existing within DIMA's legislative framework.

The opportunity to reduce government regulation and compliance costs to Australian business, particularly small business, and foster industry self regulation.

The review will have regard to the legislative review provisions of the Competition Principles Agreement.

The review will consult widely with internal and external stakeholders, including government departments, employer organisations, unions, a range of employers and current users (particularly sponsors) of the visa subclasses in question and other interested groups and persons.

The review will present a report to the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs prior to the Government announcing what action will be taken on the recommendations of the review.

