

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Agency - Fair Work Ombudsman

Department of Employment Question No. EMSQ17-001517

Senator Marshall provided in writing.

Question

FWO - Migrant Worker Taskforce - research project

The Chair recently released a report of outcomes from January 2017 meeting: "Agencies will coordinate efforts so that messaging to visa holders is simple, clear and effective. To achieve this, we need to hear from visa holders and I am pleased that a research project will be undertaken jointly by the Fair Work Ombudsman, the Department of Immigration and Border Protection and the Department of Employment on 'what works' for migrant workers."

What is the time frame for this project?

What is the budget - is it to come from existing resources, or more funding provided?

Answer

It is anticipated that a final research report will be delivered to the Migrant Workers' Taskforce in the December quarter of 2017. The total amount of funding for the research is \$225,000.

The Department of Employment is contributing \$170,000 towards the project. The Fair Work Ombudsman is contributing \$55,000, which will be derived from existing appropriations.