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Question

Manufacturing sector and implications for 457 visas

Senator CAMERON: I would not do this for any particular political reason. I am simply interested how we in a practical way, Minister, deal with the job losses in the manufacturing sector and use the skills in the manufacturing sector elsewhere and then what are the implications for 457 visas. I think it is a reasonable issue for your department to be dealing with. That is all I am saying.

Senator Abetz: You will get no demur from me on that.

Senator CAMERON: Take it on notice. You have said that you have not asked for any advice. The department has not given any advice. I will probably ask next time whether that advice has been asked for and what is happening in the future. It is very important. It is a very important issue. I am surprised that we have not dealt with it. But that is where we are.

Answer

The Department of Employment administers industry specific access to structural adjustment programmes through Job Services Australia that provide immediate access to intensive employment support to redundant workers.