

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING: 24 March 2017

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(AE17/242) - Signature on fine-dining agreement - Programme 2.3: Visas

Senator Watt, Murray (L&CA 33) asked:

Senator WATT: Minister Cash, were you involved in that fine-dining agreement?

Senator Cash: I was as the assistant minister for immigration at the time, yes.

Senator WATT: Did that mean that you signed off on that or was that actually done by the minister?

Senator Cash: I would need to clarify as to whether I ultimately did finalise it.

Mr Manthorpe: I cannot recall whether it was the then minister or the department.

Senator Cash: We would need to take that on notice.

Answer:

The parameters for the Fine Dining Labour agreement were agreed to by the then Assistant Minister for Immigration and Citizenship, Senator the Hon Michaelia Cash, on 8 April 2015, following negotiations with the hospitality sector.