QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING : 23 May 2017

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(BE17/067) - 457 Changes - Records of consultation with the Department of Education and training - Programme 2.3: Visas

Senator Carr, Kim (L&CA 5) asked:

Senator KIM CARR: Okay. Which companies were consulted?
Ms Noble: Again, as I described earlier, the Department of Education and Training ran a public submission process and extensive stakeholder consultations. We do not have the details of precisely who put in a submission to that process.
Senator KIM CARR: This was before the announcement, was it?
Ms Noble: That is right.
Senator KIM CARR: I see. You would not have any record of any of these meetings, would you?
Ms Noble: No. Those questions are better referred to the Department of Education and Training.
Senator KIM CARR: Do you have any records at all of your consultations with the Department of Education and Training?
Ms Noble: Yes, we will have.
Mr Wilden: We have regular meetings, IDC processes et cetera.
Senator KIM CARR: Is it possible to get access to the minutes of those meetings?
Mr Pezzullo: We will take that on notice.
Senator KIM CARR: Thank you. I would seek copies of the minutes of those meetings with the education department and with the department of industry, particularly around this issue of consultation with industry groups, whether it be the universities, the science agencies or companies that employ scientists.

Answer:

The Skilled Occupation List (SOL) is updated based on advice from the Department of Education and Training (DET). The advice provided by DET is based on labour market analysis and input provided by external stakeholders.

The Department of Immigration and Border Protection (the Department) has participated in three inter-departmental committee (IDC) meetings on the review of the SOL, undertaken by DET.

The IDCs were convened by DET on:

- 12 December 2016;
- 30 January 2017; and
- 21 March 2017.

Questions on records kept from these meetings should be referred to DET.