

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING : 23 May 2017

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(BE17/081) - Fees for foreign skilled workers - forward projections - Programme 2.3: Visas

Senator Carr, Kim (L&CA 25) asked:

Senator KIM CARR: Why, then, is there an increase of \$30 million between 2018-19 and 2019-20?

Mr Wilden: It is because we would anticipate more people will come in and be paying the levy.

Senator KIM CARR: You believe there will be more people in two years time? On what basis do you make that calculation?

Mr Wilden: I will take on notice the underpinnings of the fine-eyed detail, but the principle is there will be either more people or more people paying the higher costs.

Senator KIM CARR: It is a logical guess that you will have more people. I want to know why you think there are either more people paying the levy or more people coming. Presumably the two things are related. Then you will also be able to tell me, surely, why it is that the revenue falls in the following year by \$20 million? What is your calculation there?

Mr Wilden: We will take on notice the underpinnings and come back to you.

Answer:

It is a longstanding practice not to disclose information about the operation and business of the Cabinet, as to do so could potentially reveal the deliberations of the Cabinet, which are confidential.