

## **QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING : 23 May 2017**

**IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO**

**(BE17/129) - Holiday visa non-compliance - Show stands - Programme 2.3: Visas**

Senator Roberts, Malcolm (L&CA 85) asked:

Senator ROBERTS: Is it true that Chinese, Indian and Singaporean companies can send people to Australia on holiday visas to work on show stands—that is, conventions and industry displays—and as such they do not comply with the OH&S standards of work that Australians have to comply with?

Mr Pezzullo: What is connection between the exhibitions and the failure to comply with WHS? I missed that part.

Senator ROBERTS: Is it true that Chinese, Indian and Singaporean companies can send people to Australia on holiday visas to work on show stands—that is, conventions—

Mr Pezzullo: I see. They should not be working on show stands anyway. Sorry, the nexus then to WHS?

Senator ROBERTS: and as such they do not comply with OH&S regulations—

Mr Pezzullo: More fundamentally, they do not comply with their visa, which is of more interest to me.

Senator ROBERTS: I was hoping you would say that.

Mr Pezzullo: You can be assured. Commissioner, are you familiar with this phenomena of exhibition workers?

Mr Quaedvlieg: I am not, but I will take it on notice.

*Answer:*

Non-citizens intending to undertake work activities in Australia such as constructing exhibits at a convention or trade fair must have the appropriate visa with work rights, such as, the Temporary Work (Short Stay Specialist) visa (subclass 400). All non-citizens working at an Australia workplace must abide by the relevant Australian workplace health and safety regulations.