QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 19 October 2015

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(SE15/057) - 400 visa - offshore application - Programme 2.3: Visas

Senator Canavan, Matthew (L&CA 129) asked:

Senator CANAVAN: Can you just turn up in Australia and apply for one or do you have to apply for it offshore?

Mr Wilden: If you are onshore in a lawful visa, you may be able to apply for some, but I will check. As a general rule, you have to be offshore for the short-term visas.

Answer:

Applicants for the Temporary Work (Short Stay Activity) visa (subclass 400) must be outside Australia at time of lodgement and when the visa application is decided.