

**SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON
EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES 2008-09**

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Senator Fierravanti-Wells provided in writing.

Question

Pacific Guest Worker Scheme

Are all of the employers involved in the program aware of their obligations, particularly those obligations associated with their requirement to attempt to recruit local workers?

Answer

Yes. All growers seeking to access the Pilot are informed of their obligations when approaching the approved labour hire company. Their obligations are also spelled out on the grower application form and growers must provide evidence of their recruitment activity before being approved to participate in the Pilot.

All labour hire companies are informed of their obligations when submitting an expression of interest to participate in the Pacific Seasonal Worker Pilot Scheme.