

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

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

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**DEEWR Question No. EW1031\_09**

Senator Fierravanti-Wells provided in writing.

**Question**

*Pacific Guest Worker Scheme*

What role has the National Farmers Federation played in the program to date? What involvement have they had in discussions and negotiations?

**Answer**

The National Farmers Federation have been consulted about the design and implementation of the Pacific Seasonal Worker Pilot Scheme. The NFF was present at the launch of the Pilot on 17 August 2008. The NFF participated in grower consultation meetings in Griffith on 29 September 2008. The NFF also attended the MoU signing and presented at the Participants' Briefing Session. Grower representatives affiliated with the NFF through regional bodies also sit on the Griffith and Swan Hill local advisory bodies. More recently, the NFF has joined a national stakeholder consultative panel which has met on 15 December 2008, 20 January 2009, 13 March 2009 and a teleconference on 13 February 2009.