SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS

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Senator Fierravanti-Wells provided in writing.

Question

Pacific Guest Worker Scheme

What happens if next season the crops are damaged and there is no work available?

Answer

The Pilot is responsive to employer demand. If eligible growers have no unmet demand for workers, then no visas for Pacific seasonal workers will be issued.