

## EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

### SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2005-2006 BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING

**Outcome:** All

**Output Group:** 1.3 – Assistance for quality teaching and learning  
2.1 – Funding for vocational education and training  
2.2 – New Apprenticeships  
2.3 – Assistance for skills and career development  
2.4 – Funding for higher education  
3.3 – Support for the Australian education and training export industry and international relationships  
3.4 – National leadership in engaging people in science and technology

#### **DEST Question No. E289\_06**

Senator Carr provided in writing.

#### **Question:**

On the weekend of 21 May, DIMIA placed newspaper advertisements entitled “*Looking For Skilled Labour Overseas? Give Your Industry the Edge*”, seeking peak industry organisations to host up to 10 senior Immigration Department staff to provide support in attracting skilled overseas workers.

Who has carriage of addressing Australia’s skill shortages – DEST or DIMIA?

#### **Answer:**

*Carriage of addressing Australia’s skill shortages*

Both DEST and DIMIA have roles to play in addressing skill shortages. DEWR, DITR also play a key role.

DEST assists DIMIA on the promotion of the Skilled Migration Programme, and to develop measures to attract skilled workers to Australia.

DEST and DIMIA share responsibility for approving professional bodies as assessing authorities for the purposes of the General Skilled migration Program.

The Skilled Migration Programme places emphasis on the Migration Occupations in Demand List (MODL) developed by DEWR in order to target occupations that would benefit from an increase in skilled workers.