

EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS

SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2008-09 BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING

Outcome 8

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Senator Abetz provided in writing.

Question

Skills and Occupations in Demand

How have the expenses for the delivery of services to the 37,500 place increase to the migration program for 2008-09 been estimated? In particular, what is the profile of the additional migrant and intake and the estimated expenses associated with the profile?

Answer

The 37,500 place increase comprises a 31,000 place increase to the Skill Stream and a 6,500 place increase to the Family Stream. The estimated cost of the delivery of services to this increased intake reflects the estimated unemployment rates, workforce participation and historical level of access to Government benefits, education and labour market programs for migrants in each Stream.

Primary applicants in the Skill Stream have lower unemployment rates and higher workforce participation rates than primary applicants in the Family Stream.

Access to educational services reflects in part the number and age profile of school age dependants and English proficiency skills of accompanying family members.