

**EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS**

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

**Outcome**            8

**DEEWR Question No. EW210\_09**

Senator Abetz provided in writing.

**Question**

*Skills and Occupations in Demand*

How does the migration program address the areas of skill shortage identified by DEEWR labour market research?

**Answer**

The points-tested General Skilled Migration (GSM) categories of the Skill Stream address areas of skill shortage through the allocation of bonus points to migrants with skills (recognised qualifications and relevant work experience) appropriate to employment in Migration Occupation in Demand List (MODL) occupations and specialisations.