

**Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace
Relations**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Budget Estimates 2010-2011**

Outcome 4 - Employment & Participation Policy

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Senator Back provided in writing.

Question

EMPLOYMENT IN AVIATION INDUSTRY

Who is responsible for engaging with the aviation / pilot industry to assess current areas of need? Over the last 5 years can you provide data relating to employment of pilots, vacancies? How many are places are being filled through sourcing pilots from overseas on employment visas?

Answer

ABS Labour Force Survey data show that in the five years to May 2010, employment of Air Transport Professionals (including Pilots, Air Traffic Controllers and Flying Instructors) fell by 1300 or 14.1 per cent to 7700. Vacancy data, from the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations' Internet Vacancy Index are only available from 2006. The data show that there were 29 newly advertised vacancies for Air Transport Professionals in May 2010 compared with 61 in May 2006.

Responsibility for data on sourcing pilots from overseas on employment visas rests with the Department of Immigration and Citizenship.