

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

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Budget Estimates 2012–2013**

Outcome 3 – Employment

DEEWR Question No. EW0005_13

Senator Abetz provided in writing.

Refers to previous Senate Parliamentary Question No. 1816

Question

Pacific Seasonal Worker Pilot Scheme Conference 2011

In relation to the Pacific Seasonal Worker Pilot Scheme Conference 2011: 1. Who was the Master of Ceremonies? 2. Who were the guest speakers? 3. Where was the conference? 4. Can a copy of all conference materials be provided, including but not limited to all items listed on QON 1816? 5. By partner country, how many officials attended at the expense of the Australian Government?

Answer

1. The Master of Ceremonies for the Pacific Seasonal Worker Pilot Scheme Conference 2011 was Mr Phillip Adams AO.
2. Guest speakers, external to the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations, at the Pacific Seasonal Worker Pilot Scheme Conference 2011 were:
 - Ms Leitumai Malaulau, The World Bank
 - Mr Alex Livingstone, CEO, Growcom
 - Mr Richard Hamley, General Manager, Tomato Exchange
 - Mr Joe Fangaloka, Director, Tree Minds
 - Mr Craig Pressler, Director, 2PH Farms
 - Ms Lucinda Giblett, Director and Communications Manager, Newton Brothers Orchards
 - Mr Lionel Kaluat, Commissioner of Labour, Vanuatu
 - Ms Judith Damiani, CEO, Citrus Australia
 - Mr Richard Mulcahy, CEO AusVeg
 - Ms Sophie Montgomery, Department of Immigration and Citizenship
 - Mr John Yamin, PSWPS Co-ordination Office, Papua New Guinea
 - Ms Sharon Traucki, Treasury
 - Mr Todd Jacob, Department of Immigration and Citizenship
 - Mr George Rarere, Regional Relationship Manager, North Island, Recognised Seasonal Employer Scheme, New Zealand
 - Professor Richard Bedford, Pro Vice-Chancellor of Research, Auckland University of Technology, and Professor, University of Waikato, New Zealand
 - Ms Gaye Tripodi, Managing Director, Murrawee Farms and Deputy President Victorian Farmers' Federation Horticulture Group

- Mr Steven Kaleb, Australian Agency for International Development
 - Ms Janis Albrecht, Community Social Cohesion Officer, North Burnett Regional Council
 - Mr Sione Katkoka Sa'ili, Seasonal Worker.
3. The conference was held at the Sofitel Hotel, Broadbeach, Queensland.
 4. Conference materials will be forwarded to your office. The conference program is at Attachment A to this response.
 5. Three officials from each of the following partner countries were funded by the Australian Government to attend the conference.
 - Kiribati
 - Papua New Guinea
 - Tonga
 - Vanuatu.