SENATE EMPLOYMENT, WORKPLACE RELATIONS AND EDUCATION LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

2006-2007 SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET SENATE ESTIMATES HEARING 2ND NOVEMBER 2006 EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS PORTFOLIO

OUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Outcome 3: Increased workforce participation

Output Group 3.2: Labour market strategies

Output 3.2.1: Labour Market Analysis

Question Number: W833-07

Question:

Senator Wong asked in writing:

457 Visas

How will DEWR ensure that through a Labour Agreement for the meat industry, employers commit to employing and training Australians rather than load facilities with 457 visa holders?

Answer:

All Labour Agreements require sponsoring employers to employ and train Australians and are monitored to ensure that sponsoring employers are meeting their commitments.

The meat industry agreement is not finalised so it would be premature to speculate on its precise terms.