

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 19 FEBRUARY 2008

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(11) Output 1.1: Migration and Temporary Entry

Senator Ellison asked:

How many of those 43 labour agreements have involvement by parties other than the industry or single employer concerned and the Department of Immigration and Citizenship?

Answer:

- At 31 December 2007 there were 43 current labour agreements being managed by the Department of Immigration and Citizenship (DIAC).
- Of the 43 labour agreements, six were with the meat industry, one with an on-hire company and 36 with a range of individual companies including the aviation and mining industries.
- All 43 labour agreements included the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR) as a party and signatory.
- Of the meat industry agreements, four included state governments as parties and signatories – including:
 - the Queensland state Government as signatory to this agreement with Swift, Teys Bros and Thomas Borthwick; and
 - the West Australian state Government as signatory to the agreement with International Exporters.
- The one on-hire company with a labour agreement, Workforce Solutions, has only DIAC and DEEWR as parties to the agreement.
- Of the remaining 36 labour agreements, across a range of industries, 10 include State Governments as parties and signatories.