

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 19 FEBRUARY 2008

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(55) Output 1.1: Migration and Temporary Entry

Senator Ellison asked:

Is the Minister reviewing any changes proposed to the method for verifying overseas qualifications?

Answer:

Australia's overall regime for qualifications assessment (which relies on designated expert assessing authorities) is effective in ensuring that Australia's skilled migrants have the capacity to integrate into the skilled workforce. Currently there is no structural review proposed. However, the regime is subject to ongoing change in that new assessing authorities may be identified for specific occupations.