

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARINGS: 11 February 2013

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(AE13/0031) PROGRAM – 1.1: Visa and Migration

Senator Waters (L&CA 40) asked:

Confirm whether the assessment, for either of the labour agreements or for the EMAs - whether at the time or prospectively - is done by the department or if the department relies on information supplied by the companies.

Answer:

Further to Mr Kukoc's response provided at the hearing (refer to Monday 11 February 2013, Hansard, page 40), the Department assesses the claims made by the requesting company and administers a comprehensive, whole of government consultation process involving:

- the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR);
- the Department of Industry, Innovation, Science, Research and Tertiary Education (DIISRTE);
- the Department of Resources, Energy and Tourism (DRET);
- the Department of Regional Australia, Local Government, Arts and Sport (DRALGAS);
- the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (PM&C);
- the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT);
- the Department of Infrastructure and Transport (DIT); and
- the Treasury .

The Department also administers the consultation process with relevant State and Territory governments. This wide-ranging consultation process occurs after the requesting company has sought the views of relevant unions and peak industry bodies.

The information and views gathered during this consultation process are sent to the EMA- or labour agreement-requesting company so they can modify and amend their initial submission. The responses are then analysed by the Department and submitted to the Minister for decision.