

## **QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES - 25 FEBRUARY 2014**

**IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO**

**(AE14/229) PROGRAMME – 1.1: Visa and Migration**

Senator Carr (Written) asked:

The last evaluation study of the WHV program commissioned by the Department appears to have been conducted in 2008, i.e. Evaluation of Australia's Working Holiday Maker (WHM) Program, National Institute of Labour Studies (NILS) Flinders University (published February 2009). Is that correct? Does the Department undertake any employer site visits, or only paper-based checking?

*Answer:*

The last evaluation study of the Working Holiday Visa Programme undertaken by the National Institute of Labour Studies, which was commissioned by the department, was completed in 2008.

The department regards compliance with visa requirements applicable to the Working Holiday Visa Programme as a very serious matter and the department actively investigates alleged breaches of applicable visa conditions.

The department adopts a multi-agency approach to compliance issues which includes sharing information and consulting with a range of stakeholder agencies. If appropriate, the department also conducts employer site visits, independently and in collaboration with other stakeholder agencies.