

## QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

**BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 22 May 2006**

IMMIGRATION AND MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO

### **(109) Output 1.1: Migration and Temporary Entry**

Senator Carr asked:

1. Have you commissioned, or are you aware of, policy papers by Bob Birrell (Globalisation and Temporary Entry by Bob Birrell and Ernest Healy printed in *People and Place* Vol 5 No 4) and the work of Bob Kinnard (Australia's Migration Policy and Skilled ICT Professionals: The Case for an Overhaul printed in *People and Place* vol 10, no 2, 2002 p55)?
2. How has this research influenced departmental or government policy on skilled migration?

*Answer:*

1. The Department is aware of these articles.
2. Policy on skilled migration is informed and influenced by research and wide ranging information from various sources. The contents of these documents form part of the total information pool for policy consideration. Other relevant research includes:
  - a. Access Economics. May 2002. *The Impact of Sponsored Temporary Business Residents on Australia's Living Standards.*
  - b. Access Economics. May 2002. *The Impact of Sponsored Temporary Business Residents on the Commonwealth Budget.*
  - c. Access Economics. May 2002. *The Impact of Sponsored Temporary Business Residents on State and Territory Budgets.*
  - d. Australian National University and the University of Adelaide. May 2004. *A Global Market: The Recruitment of Temporary Skilled Labour from Overseas.*
  - e. Australian National University and the University of Adelaide. June 2005. *Temporary Skilled Migrants in Australia: Employment Circumstances and Migrant Outcome.*
  - f. Australian National University and the University of Adelaide. August 2006. *Temporary Skilled Migrants' Employment and Residence Outcomes: Findings from the follow-up survey of 457 visa holders.*

All of these research documents will be considered by the Commonwealth/State Working party on skilled migration for its report to Council of Australian Governments and Ministerial Council on Immigration and Multicultural Affairs.