

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

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IMMIGRATION AND MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO

(85) Output 1.1: Migration and Temporary Entry

Senator Webber asked:

Is the Department aware of any discrepancies between what a person is offered in their country of origin and what they are then paid once they arrive in Australia?

Answer:

Where allegations of being deceptively recruited are received, the Department works closely with other federal and state agencies, and unions to ensure employers meet their sponsorship undertakings and visa holders are protected. In instances where the Department identifies possible exploitation by overseas recruitment firms and agents, the Department seeks to engage with the relevant overseas authorities through its overseas diplomatic posts.