

## **QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 27 MAY 2009**

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

### **(10) Program 1.1: Visa and Migration**

Senator Fierravanti-Wells (L&CA 80-81) asked:

- (1) What is the average time taken to approve a labour agreement, given the various processes that it needs to go through? Provide a breakdown of the types.
- (2) How many were approved in 2008-09, since 1 July?

*Answer.*

- (1) Labour agreements have taken between four months to two years to finalise. An average time is meaningless, as the time taken to finalise a labour agreement can vary considerably depending on the complexity of the agreement; the number and type of concessions sought, and the response times of the employer.

There are a number of different labour agreements, including:

- the meat industry template labour agreement;
  - the on-hire industry template labour agreement; and
  - the company specific labour agreement.
- (2) Since 1 July 2008, there have been 34 labour agreements approved by the Commonwealth.