

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 27 MAY 2009

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(17) Program 1.1: Visa and Migration

Senator Barnett (L&C 93) asked:

- (1) Provide details of last year's Australia Needs Skills expos, such as where they were and the cost?
- (2) There is a plan for an \$800 000 spend and it says approximately next year. By approximately, I assume that is for next financial year on an Australia Needs Skills expo. Do you have a view on where that should be and where that money will be spent?

Answer.

(1) Expo program 2007-08

London 15-16 March 2008

- 38 exhibitors and 3108 attendees participated in the expo.
- The expo cost £88 044 (AUD\$211 306). A total of AUD\$152 000 was cost recovered as a result of exhibitor booth hire.

Sydney 29 September 2007

- 43 exhibitors and 8000 attendees participated in the expo.
- The expo cost AUD\$148 000. A total of AUD\$76 00 was cost recovered as a result of exhibitor booth hire.

(2) A proposal is being prepared for the Minister's consideration providing options on possible promotional activity in 2009-10 to help deliver highly targeted skilled migration outcomes for Australia.