

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 23 MAY 2011

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE11/0078) Program 1.1: Visa and Migration

Senator Brown (L&CA 28-30) asked:

There was a very contentious public meeting in the Huonville Town Hall on Saturday night which discussed the issue of future logging in Tasmania.

I am told that a number of the Malaysian workers were at that meeting. Do you know whether or not that was of their own free will and whether they were acquainted with the circumstances of that meeting—ostensibly, to be there as a presence for Ta Ann?

Answer:

The department is unable to comment on this meeting or the motivation of workers attending the meeting identified by Senator Brown.