

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 23 - 24 MAY 2011

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE11/0082) Program 1.1: Visa and Migration

Senator Abetz (L&CA 43) asked:

In relation to the Enterprise Migration Agreements, provide a list of the 13 eligible projects and the 21 at the feasibility or approval stages and in which states they are located.

Answer:

According to Australian Bureau of Agricultural and Resource Economics and Sciences (ABARES) data, there are now currently 14 major projects, detailed in Table 1 below, which prima facie meet the eligibility criteria of \$2b capital expenditure and a peak workforce of 1500, for an Enterprise Migration Agreement. This number has been updated since the Budget Estimates Hearing to reflect current ABARES data as at 26 May 2011.

Table 1. Eligible projects

Project Name	State	Capital Expenditure (A\$)	Peak Workforce (Construction)
Alpha Coal Project (Tad's Corner)	QLD	\$7.5b	2500
China First Coal Project (Waratah Galilee)	QLD	\$7.5b	6000
Gladstone LNG Project	QLD	\$16.5b	5000
Gorgon LNG	WA	\$43b	3000
Pluto (train 1)	WA	\$14b	2000
Queensland Curtis LNG project	QLD	\$15.5b	5000
Australia Pacific LNG	QLD	\$35b	6000
Ichthys Gasfield (incl Darwin LNG plant)	WA/NT	\$20.6b	3000
Wheatstone LNG	WA	\$18.4b	5000
Sino Iron Project	WA	\$5.4b	4500
Extension Hill magnetite Project	WA	\$2.5b	2000
Oakajee Port & Rail Infrastructure	WA	\$5.2b	2000
Gladstone Nickel Project (stage 1)	QLD	\$4.7b	2600
Worsley Refinery Efficiency and Growth Project	WA	\$2.3b	4000

There are now currently 15 major projects, detailed in Table 2 below, which prima facie meet at least one of the criteria for an Enterprise Migration Agreement. These projects have not published information about either the capital expenditure or peak workforce sizes of their projects and may or may not meet both requirements depending on the final specifications for the project. This number has been updated to reflect current ABARES data as at 26 May 2011.

Table 2. Potentially eligible projects

Project Name	State	Capital Expenditure (A\$)	Peak Workforce (Construction)
Burton	QLD	TBA	TBA
Hay Point Coal Terminal Phase 3	QLD	\$2.6b	TBA
Kipper Gas project (stage 1)	VIC	\$1.9b (Approx.)	TBA
NWS North Rankin B	WA	\$5.3b	TBA
Turrum	VIC	\$2.8b	TBA
Wollert to Euroa	VIC	TBA	TBA
Cosmo Deeps	NT	TBA	TBA
Jimlebar Mine and Rail (WAIO)	WA	\$3.5b	TBA
Western Australian Iron Ore Rapid Growth Project 5 (RGP5)	WA	\$5.8b (including infrastructure)	TBA
Western Turner Syncline II	WA	TBA	TBA
Cape Lambert Port and Rail Expansion	WA	\$3.2b	TBA
Port 55 - 155 Mtpa	WA	\$2.5b	TBA
WAIO Inner Harbour	WA	\$2.3b	TBA
WAIO Optimisation (Port Blending and Rail Yards)	WA	\$1.7b (Approx.)	TBA
WAIO RGP 5	WA	TBA	TBA

These project lists are based on self reported data from resource sector companies who are at various stages of regulatory and investment approval processes. As such the data is incomplete in some areas and subject to change and fluctuation.

Regardless of whether a project meets the eligibility criteria for an Enterprise Migration Agreement, the choice to access the Enterprise Migration Agreement program will depend on each project's own assessment of their particular needs for workers.