

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 21-22 MAY 2012

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE12/0201) Program 1.1: Visa and Migration

Senator Cash (L&CA written) asked:

Has the Department had representations made to it or concerns raised with it regarding extending the duration of Working Holiday maker visas for visitors who work in specific rural and regional areas in Western Australia, Queensland or the Northern Territory? If so, what are the nature of these considerations? Is there any merit in undertaking this change?

Answer:

The Department has not received any specific representations calling for an extended duration of stay under the Working Holiday Maker visa program, on the basis of work performed in rural and regional areas in Western Australia, Queensland or the Northern Territory.