

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 27-28 May 2013

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE13/0050) PROGRAM – 3.1: Border Management

Senator Xenophon (L&CA 92) asked:

Senator XENOPHON: What is the policy now?

Senator Thistlethwaite: I will take that on notice.

Answer:

New Zealand citizen air crew staff wishing to work specifically on domestic sectors or to perform other duties in Australia need to apply for an appropriate visa. In most instances, this will be the Special Category Visa (Subclass 444) for New Zealand citizens.

Air crew members (operational crew) who hold a Special Purpose Visa (SPV) can remain for 30 days after they disembark from the aircraft on which they travelled to Australia, provided they hold a passport that is in force and an airline identity card.

Airline positioning crew (crew travelling as passengers to work on a flight departing Australia) are to hold an SPV for five days beginning when they disembark from the aircraft on which they travel to Australia, provided they hold a passport that is in force and carry a letter from their employer certifying air crew status, purpose of travel and arrangements for departure from Australia.

Both air crew operating a flight and airline positioning crew members on SPVs are not permitted to work in Australia other than the work they normally perform in the course of their duties.