

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 30 October 2006

IMMIGRATION AND MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO

(113) Output 1.1 Migration and Temporary Entry

Senator Carr asked:

Payment of upfront fees by workers from China, QON 57

1. What are the details of the “education campaign” for employers on this issue? Is it, or will it be, compulsory for employers sponsoring 457 visa holders to undertake this education program?
2. How will employers be “encouraged” to “make all reasonable inquiries regarding these matters before they recruit”? Will employers be obliged to show proof that they have made such inquiries?
3. Will sponsoring employers be held liable for the actions of offshore agents or recruitment firms in this regard?
4. If not, why not?

Answer:

1 to 4. These are matters currently under consideration by review commissioned by COAG.