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Senator Hanson-Young (L&CA 84) asked:

When is the report from the trafficking review expected?

Answer:

The Department of Immigration and Citizenship commenced a review of the effectiveness of the People Trafficking Visa Framework in October 2007, including consultation with a number of peak non-government organisations. The views expressed by the organisations ranged from simplification including more flexibility of the visa framework, to de-linking visas from law enforcement activities.

A number of government agencies have also been consulted on the effectiveness of the visa framework, including on any impacts changes would have to law enforcement initiatives.

This review has been made available to the Attorney General's Department who are the lead agency on people trafficking. The Attorney General's Department held further consultations in June 2008 at the People Trafficking Roundtable.

A response to people trafficking is being considered by Government.