

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 20 OCTOBER 2009

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(124) Program 1.1: Visa and Migration

Senator Back asked:

Expansion of new requirements for General Skilled Migration

Is the Government considering the expansion of these new requirements? If so,

- a. To which visa classes and occupations ASCOs?
- b. To which countries?
- c. When and in what structure?

Answer:

At present there is no plan to expand the General Skilled Migration requirements.

The Department of Immigration and Citizenship jointly with the Department of Employment, Education and Workplace Relations is currently undertaking a review of the Migration Occupations in Demand List (MODL). The outcome of the review will determine the future role and methodology of MODL for GSM purposes.