



Additional comments

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Labor supports the Committee's report and recommendations. However, Labor members of the Committee must note that the report's recommendations fall short of recommending Labor's key policy in regard to temporary skilled work visas.

Labor believes that temporary skilled workers are entitled to the effective market rate of pay based on the principle of equal pay for equal work. Labor would ensure that temporary work visa holders are paid within the ambit of the going market rate for the relevant industry. Labor would maintain the Minimum Salary Levels as a base salary under the 457 visa.

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