

## **Senate Employment, Workplace Relations and Education References Committee**

### **Proposed inquiry on Pacific region seasonal contract labour**

#### **Terms of Reference**

The committee will examine the viability of a contract labour scheme between Australia and countries in the Pacific region, for the purposes of providing labour for selected rural industries. In doing so, the committee will take account of the following:

- a) labour shortages in rural and regional Australia;
- b) the availability and mobility of domestic contract labour, and the likely effects of such a scheme on the current seasonal workforce;
- c) social and economic effects of the scheme on local communities;
- d) likely technical, legal and administrative considerations for such a scheme; and
- e) the effects of the scheme on the economies of Pacific nations.