

To the Chairman.

The Senate & Constitutional Reference Committee.

RE: EXPATRIATES + their needs.

Parliament House

Canberra. ACT 2600.

12/1/2004

Dear Sir,

- ① Expatriates stay away because they get better deals overseas, better returns + the capacity to save and plan their futures. They are respected more and treated better by their employers than our corporate minded federations seem capable of.
- ② We waste the productive middle years of our people. This is a sad statement of fact.
- ③ We do not respect the providers of labour but treat them like a crop, or an expendable resource - a faucet to be turned on + off at will.
- ④ The special deals mentioned will have to be very special + very long term to be effective - What is the nature of the selection

process to be undertaken? Is it this a case of shutting the stable door after the horse has gone? Those that have gone will remember stay they left in the first place - it seems to me they would hardly make our best ambassadors overseas. Their courage has taken them away - so what will encourage them to return? [There's a slogan here somewhere !!]

(5) Casualization of labour and volunteerism only worsen our lot - maybe look close to home, to conditions here, to the lot of people suffering badly from understaffing and the stress of doing

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- more work than one person can handle.
with the perpetual threat of loss of their jobs if they falter.
- ⑥ look at staff at Uusimäki's, especially
in AHS subjects - look at staff in
residential places for the Aged - the
ratio of staff (usually ordinary women)
to patients - 50:1 ± probably? This is part
of the medical concerns you seem to have.
- ⑦ Article enclosed - (see p 4)
- ⑧ Do you have copy of the Report* mentioned
in this article? I would like to read it if
you can mail me a copy.

Yrs faithfully



* Committee for Economic
Development Report.

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Our 'lost' population

THE Senate is investigating why almost one million Australians - about a twentieth of the population - are living overseas.

Many are professionals earning more than \$100,000 a year. The trend has been steadily growing over the past decade, with the number of Australian expatriates rising 146 per cent.

The Senate Legal and Constitutional References Committee is inquiring into the reasons why Australians choose to live overseas, with submissions due by February 27. The committee also is considering how to use expatriates to promote Australia.

The study will also look at the costs, benefits and opportunities presented by the phenomenon and how to meet the needs and concerns of expatriates.

The inquiry follows a Committee for Economic Development report which urged the Government to encourage the eventual return of expatriates and said they included those with medical skills.



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* — Why not look at the people still here?

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