

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING : 17 October 2016

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

**(SE16/090) - DIBP and the Meat Industry Labour Agreement - Programme 2.3:
Visas**

Senator Carr, Kim (L&CA) written:

1. What is the role of DIBP in forming of a skilled meat industry labour agreement?
2. Does the DIBP remain in communication with stakeholders who are part of an agreement, or have been consulted with in the formation of an agreement?
3. Which stakeholders does DIBP speak to?
4. How is this communication done?

Answer:

1. DIBP officers consult with the companies requesting an agreement to ensure that the company meets the terms and conditions that are in place for that agreement.
2. A requirement of the labour agreement request is for the Australian employers to consult with stakeholders. This may include the relevant union or local community representatives. The Australian employers must provide DIBP evidence of stakeholder consultation. The Department does not generally engage with stakeholders in relation to the negotiation of a specific agreement.
3. DIBP will engage with industry when the terms and conditions of a new industry template are being developed.
4. This communication may vary between written and/or public consultations.