

**SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON
EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES 2008-09**

Outcome/Agency 8

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Senator Fierravanti-Wells provided in writing.

Question

Pacific Guest Worker Scheme

Mr [sic.] Kidd outlined to this Committee in October 2008 that the Department will be conducting departure and arrival briefings and orientations which will cover "things such as tax file numbers, budgeting, payslips, etcetera". Have these briefings have been conducted?

Answer

Yes. The first group of workers received a pre-departure briefing in Tonga on Wednesday 11 February and Thursday 12 February 2009. The workers arrived in Sydney on Monday 16 February 2009, transferred to Melbourne, and travelled by bus to Robinvale, Victoria.

The workers received on-arrival briefings in Robinvale, Victoria on Wednesday 17 February, on-farm briefings on Thursday 18 February and commenced work on 19 February 2009.