

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

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

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**DEEWR Question No. EW1032\_09**

Senator Fierravanti-Wells provided in writing.

**Question**

*Pacific Guest Worker Scheme*

What involvement have the ACTU and AWU had in the program to date?

**Answer**

Along with the National Farmers Federation, Horticulture Australia Council, local councils and State government agencies, the ACTU and AWU have been consulted about the design of the Pacific Seasonal Worker Pilot Scheme and have been consulted from time to time on key implementation issues for the Pilot. The AWU also attended the MoU signing and presented at the Stakeholder Briefing Session. The AWU have representatives on both Swan Hill-Robinvale and Griffith local advisory bodies established to advise on the implementation of the Pilot. More recently, the AWU has joined a national stakeholder consultative panel which has met on 15 December 2008, 20 January 2009, 13 March 2009 and a teleconference on 13 February 2009.