

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

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

Outcome/Agency **8**

DEEWR Question No. EW1042_09

Senator Fierravanti-Wells provided in writing.

Question

Pacific Guest Worker Scheme

Are the workers able to be moved to jobs other than picking and packing such as manufacturing?

Answer

No. The Pilot is responding to horticulture industry claims that up to \$700 million of produce rots due to a lack of reliable seasonal workers. The horticulture industry ends at the farm gate and while work in packing sheds on farms is allowable, work in other sectors such as manufacturing is not part of the Pilot.