

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

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Senator Fierravanti-Wells provided in writing.

Question

Pacific Guest Worker Scheme

What processes are in place to ensure that the workers meet their visa requirements and do not overstay?

Answer

Visa holders will not be allowed to bring dependents to Australia and they will be barred from applying for most other visa types while in Australia. Pacific seasonal workers who comply with visa conditions will be provided the opportunity to return to Australia for the other seasons (over the life of the Pilot). These arrangements provide incentives to both Pacific seasonal workers and employers. The Department of Immigration and Citizenship will monitor Pacific seasonal workers' compliance with their visa conditions, and provide them and their employers with information and support to understand those conditions.

Additionally, workers will only be able to claim their superannuation contributions upon departure from Australia.