SENATE EMPLOYMENT, WORKPLACE RELATIONS AND EDUCATION LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

2006-2007 SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET SENATE ESTIMATES HEARING 2ND NOVEMBER 2006 EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS PORTFOLIO

OUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Outcome 3: Increased workforce participation

Output Group 3.2: Labour market strategies

Output 3.2.1: Labour Market Analysis

Question Number: W834-07

Question:

Senator Wong asked in writing:

457 Visas

It is understood that the Government considered, through the negotiations of the meat industry, a Labour Agreement placing a cap on the numbers of 457 visa holders that any employer could have on any one site as a percentage of total employees. Is this correct?

Answer:

It would not be appropriate to canvass matters that go to the internal policy deliberation of Government.