

Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace Relations

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Senator Xenophon asked on 17 October 2012, Hansard Page 96

Question – Advice from DIAC regarding flight attendants and subclass 457 visas

Mr Kovacic: I am happy to take on notice the question of whether we had an indication from the Immigration Department as to whether they were contemplating adding flight attendants to the list. Ms Paul: Yes, I think it would be better to look at how this process might have unfolded rather than to speculate on—

Answer

On 23 March 2012, the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR)—in consultation with the then Skills Australia Secretariat—responded to a request from the Department of Immigration and Citizenship (DIAC) for advice on its proposed principles and methodology to inform its work on the composition of the Consolidated Sponsored Occupations List (CSOL).

DIAC did not seek advice from DEEWR on the labour market status of occupations being considered for inclusion on the CSOL (such as flight attendant).