Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Supplementary Budget Estimates 2013-2014

Agency - Fair Work Ombudsman

Department of Employment Question No. EM0007_14

Senator Cameron provided in writing.

Question

FWO - Consultation with Department of Immigration on 457 visas

1. Can you provide an update on the FWO's engagement with the Department of Immigration on ensuring compliance with 457 visa requirements? 2. Does the FWO have any exchange of letters or memoranda of understanding with the Department of Immigration in relation to ensuring compliance and monitoring of subclass 457 visa requirements? 3. If so, please provide copies of the letters and/or memoranda. 4. If not, is there any intention to enter into an exchange of letters or memoranda of understanding between the FWO and the Department of Immigration?

Answer

The Fair Work Ombudsman has a Memorandum of Understanding with the Department of Immigration and Boarder Protection. A copy of the Memorandum of Understanding is attached.

During the period 1 July 2013 to 31 October 2013, the Fair Work Ombudsman has identified 41 entities employing 49 visa holders for referral to the Department of Immigration and Boarder Protection, in accordance with the Memorandum of Understanding.