

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 9 FEBRUARY 2010

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(12) Program 1.1: Visa and Migration

Senator Barnett (L&CA 30) asked:

What feedback did ACPET give to the department last week when they were advised of the announcement of the changes to the General Skilled Migration program?

Answer.

ACPET representatives, along with representatives from Universities Australia and TAFE Directors Australia, were invited to attend meetings of the Minister's Skilled Migration Consultative Panel on three occasions in the second half of 2009 to discuss the review of the Migration Occupations in Demand List and the recommendations arising from the review.

Ahead of the announcement on 8 February 2010, an officer of the Department briefed Andrew Smith, ACPET Chief Executive, on the details of the changes and sent him an advance copy of the public information materials.

ACPET subsequently issued its own press statement on 8 February 2010:

http://acpet.edu.au/sites/default/files/documents/media/2010/100208_Immigration_Changes_ACPET_Response_0.pdf