

## QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

### BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 21-22 MAY 2012

#### IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

#### **(BE12/0207) Program 1.1: Visa and Migration**

Senator Hanson-Young asked:

What visas or work permits are required for workers in Australia's Exclusive Economic Zone? I am also seeking an answer specifically for resource projects in our EEZ. How many foreign workers are currently working in the Zone without permit or visa? I am also seeking an answer specifically regarding resource projects in our EEZ? What reviews has the government undertaken in relation to the visa status of workers in the Exclusive Economic Zone?

*Answer.*

There are no visa requirements specifically targeted at Australia's Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ).

Most of the EEZ is not within the migration zone. The EEZ and the migration zone coincide only on Australian resources installations and Australian sea installations within the meaning of the *Migration Act 1958*.

There are various visas which may be appropriate for work within the parts of the EEZ which are within the migration zone depending on a variety of factors such as length of stay and employment status.

The Department is not able to report on visas held by persons located in the EEZ or the number of foreign workers in the EEZ as departmental systems do not identify the EEZ as a geographical entity.

No reviews have been undertaken.