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Dear Mr Zinkel

Thank you for your email of 30 April 2013 on behalf of the Human Rights Sub-Committee of the Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade asking an additional question on notice as part of its inquiry into Slavery, Slavery-like conditions and People Trafficking:

• Do individuals on the Support for Trafficked People Program have access to the Adult Migrant English Program?

The Adult Migrant English Program (AMEP) is administered by the Department of Immigration and Citizenship and questions regarding the program are best answered by that Department. I can advise however that AMEP eligibility is limited to permanent residents and a few classes of temporary resident, whose visa will, in most cases, lead to permanent residence. Clients of the Support for Trafficked People Program who satisfy those requirements have access to AMEP.

Thank you again for writing.

Yours sincerely

Fiona Smart

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