

## **Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment**

### **QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Budget Estimates 2017 – 2018**

#### **Outcome 2 - Workplace Relations and Economic Strategy**

**Department of Employment Question No. EMSQ17-004056**

**Senator Kakoschke-Moore asked on 29 May 2017 on proof Hansard page 115**

#### **Question**

#### **457 visa program reforms – Advice to Department of Immigration and Border Protection**

Senator KAKOSCHKE-MOORE: I might leave it there and then I will have some further questions on notice. The lack of consultation is incredibly concerning.

Senator Cash: Some of them may be appropriate for immigration because obviously immigration is the lead agency.

Senator KAKOSCHKE-MOORE: They referred me here.

Senator Cash: Right! Okay.

Ms Parker: They referred you here for what advice we provided. We can only comment on what advice we provided. Because of the nature of the department our advice is limited to labour market factors.

Senator Cash: We will get you the explanation.

Senator KAKOSCHKE-MOORE: That would be helpful.

#### **Answer**

The Department of Employment provided advice to the Minister for Employment in April 2017. The Minister for Employment provided advice to the Minister for Immigration and Border Protection who has responsibility for the migration occupation lists. The Department of Employment's advice was based on analysis of a range of labour market and other related factors (see response to EMSQ17-004053).