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Question

457 Visa program - Contact from industry participants

Senator CAMERON: Has the department been contacted by industry participants about what I have seen described as the 'crippling impact' of the government's decision to abolish 457 visas from science, technology, research, mining, retail, hospitality or other government agencies?

Ms Parker: We have received some correspondence, yes, and the minister has received some correspondence.

Senator CAMERON: Can you table that correspondence?

Mr Cully: We will take that on notice.

Senator CAMERON: Minister, who has contacted you?

Senator Cash: I would have to take it on notice.

Answer

The Minister received seven pieces of correspondence on the subclass 457 visa reforms from businesses and industry associations between 18 April 2017 and 29 May 2017.