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Question

Migrant Workers' Taskforce - establishment

With reference to the Minister's recent announcement establishing the Migrant Workers' Taskforce.

https://ministers.employment.gov.au/cash/coalition-delivers-election-commitment-protect-migrant-workers

- Has the taskforce been established?
- Has it met yet?
- When will be its first meeting?
- · How many staff from the Department will support the taskforce?
- Have they been allocated yet?
- What level are they?

Answer

The Migrant Workers' Taskforce was established on 4 October 2016 and held its first meeting on 21 October 2016 in Melbourne.

Three staff from the Department of Employment provide secretariat support to the Taskforce. This work is not full-time but is undertaken alongside other duties. The level of each of these staff members is outlined below:

- 1 x EL2;
- 1 x EL1; and
- 1 x APS6.

Other departmental staff will work on policy issues arising from the Taskforce's considerations as required.