

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING : 23 February 2015

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(AE15/138) - Simplification of the skilled migration and temporary activity visa programmes – December 2014 - Programme 1.2 Visa and Citizenship (Administered)

Senator Carr, Kim (L&CA) written:

- a. What prompted the review of the skilled migration and temporary activity visa programmes?
- b. What is the current status of the review?
- c. As at 5 December 2014, 68 submissions had been received – how many submissions were received in total?

Answer:

- a. The Skilled Migration and Temporary Activity review commenced on 19 September 2014 in response to the Australian Government's deregulation and red-tape reduction agendas.
- b. The Skilled Migration and Temporary Activity review has recently completed the consultation phase concerning the proposed nine visa framework. The department is currently considering the underpinning policies for each of these nine visas.
- c. As at 28 February 2015, the department had received 135. Seventy of these were in response to the discussion paper titled "*Reviewing the skilled migration and 400 series visa programmes*" and 65 were in response to the proposal paper released on 22 December 2014 titled "*Simplification of the skilled migration and temporary activity visa programmes*".