

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING : 08 February 2016

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(AE16/075) - Definition Tropical North Queensland - Programme 2.3: Visas

Senator Macdonald, Ian (L&CA 111) asked:

CHAIR: I like the hospitality thing, particularly as it relates to areas that are always in my heart. What is the definition of tropical North Queensland?

Mr Williams: There is a definition, for the purpose of the Northern Australia white paper, that we are working to for that purpose. That has some specific government deliverables attached to it, but there may be other definitions for other contexts. I believe—

CHAIR: It was something promised in the Northern white paper.

Ms Dacey: I am just checking for you. I thought it might have been as simple as postcodes.

CHAIR: Perhaps you better take it on notice so that, if I do not get the right answer, I will not be despondent after being happy at Senator Bilyk's cooperation.

Answer:

This question should be referred to the Department of Employment which selects regions (including "Tropical North Queensland") for the purposes of the Seasonal Worker Programme.