

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING : 27 February 2017

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(AE17/068) - Briefings to the Prime Minister and Cabinet on the consolidated sponsored occupation list - Programme 2.1: Citizenship

Senator Pratt, Louise (L&CA 112) asked:

Senator PRATT: I want to take us to the consolidated sponsored occupation lists. I understand there is a review underway currently. How often you brief the minister on that review?

Mr Pezzullo: Mr Wilden has been waiting all day to answer this question, so he finally has his chance.

Mr Wilden: The review of the consolidated skilled occupation list is being undertaken by MACSM, the Ministerial Advisory Council on Skilled Migration, not by the department. That report has not been finalised yet. I think it is close and, when it is finalised, that will be provided to the minister.

Senator PRATT: So you have not provided any briefing to the Prime Minister and Cabinet about your own views about that review?

Mr Wilden: I do not think we have, but I will confirm that.

Answer:

The Department has consulted the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet on the MACSM review of the CSOL through an interdepartmental committee process.