QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING : 24 March 2017

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(AE17/276) - 457 Visas - CSOL vs SOL - Programme 2.3: Visas

Senator Pratt, Louise (L&CA) written:

What is the Consolidated Sponsored Occupations List (CSOL) and how is it different from the Skilled Occupations List (SOL)? How does a skill/job get onto the CSOL list? How many ""low skill"" level occupations does the CSOL contain according to the Department?

Answer:

The Consolidated Skilled Occupation List (CSOL) was a list of 651 occupations that were available to migrants who were sponsored by an Australian employer or state or territory government.

From 19 April 2017, the CSOL and SOL were replaced with the Short-Term Skilled Occupation List (STSOL) and the Medium and Long-Term Strategic Skills List (MLTSSL).