

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING : 24 March 2017

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(AE17/278) - 457 Visas - CSOL review - Programme 2.3: Visas

Senator Pratt, Louise (L&CA) written:

A number of the jobs listed on CSOL are in agriculture, mining, industry and innovation, health – is the Department working with other departments on the CSOL review?

How is the Department consulting with industry, business and unions regarding the review?

Answer:

1. Following the recommendations of the 2014 Temporary Work (Skilled) (subclass 457) Integrity Review, the Minister for Immigration and Border Protection asked the Ministerial Advisory Council on Skilled Migration (MACSM) to review the composition and effectiveness of the CSOL. MACSM provided initial advice to the Minister on aspects such as the need to change the name of the occupation list.
2. MACSM is an independent tripartite body comprising industry, union and government representatives that provide advice to the Minister on Australia's temporary and permanent skilled migration programmes. MACSM sought advice from various industry, union and government departments as part of its review.
3. The Department of Immigration and Border Protection worked with all relevant government departments, and state and territory governments to inform the CSOL review.
4. On 19 April 2017, the Consolidated Skilled Occupation List (CSOL) was replaced with the Short-Term Skilled Occupation List (STSOL).