

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING : 24 March 2017

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(AE17/301) - Fine Dining Labour Agreement -

Senator Watt, Murray (L&CA 34) asked:

Senator WATT: So the Temporary Skilled Migration Income Threshold or TSMIT is a pay rate that ordinarily an overseas worker, a temporary worker, can be brought to Australia and employed at and they cannot, generally, be employed at a pay rate below that TSMIT, which currently is about \$53,000 per year?

Mr Manthorpe : Yes, unless the minister agrees to a concession, which from time to time ministers have done.

Senator WATT: Meaning it can be lower?

Mr Manthorpe : Yes, but in very limited circumstances.

Senator WATT: How many people currently employed under this fine dining labour agreement are paid below that income threshold?

Mr Manthorpe : I do not know off the top of my head. We would have to take that on notice. I do not even know whether there are any—there may be none.

Answer:

Data provided by sponsors at the time of lodging their nomination applications indicates that five individuals employed under the *Restaurant (Fine Dining) Labour Agreement* (RILA) template arrangements have a base rate of pay of less than the Temporary Skilled Migration Income Threshold (TSMIT) – currently \$53,900.