

## QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

### BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING : 25 May 2015

#### IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

#### **(BE15/006) - Safe haven enterprise visa - Programme 1.4: IMA Onshore Management**

Senator Carr, Kim (L&CA 29) asked:

Senator KIM CARR: I take it this is a national program.

Mr Pezzullo: Yes indeed.

Senator KIM CARR: So you have to have the agreement of all states and territories?

Senator KIM CARR: So I take it on the basis of what you have said that a framework has been approved—

Mr Pezzullo: Yes.

Senator KIM CARR: that all states and territories have been consulted—

Mr Pezzullo: Are being consulted.

Senator KIM CARR: I take it have been.

Mr Pezzullo: They certainly have been, yes.

Senator KIM CARR: And a number of employer organisations have been consulted?

Mr Pezzullo: I am not sure about employer organisations as opposed to firms who might be known to state economic development agencies. When you say employer organisations, I am not sure we have been in consultation with those bodies.

Ms Noble: We have had some engagement with some employers. I recognise that you asked that question earlier. We would be able to give you a list of those employers on notice, but I think it would be appropriate for us to consult with them first to ensure that they would want to be named publicly organisations, is it?

Ms Noble: Yes, they are quite different employers.

Senator KIM CARR: How many unions have you consulted?

Ms Noble: I would have to take that on notice and get back to you. I am not sure that we have.

Senator KIM CARR: Any?

Ms Noble: I am not sure.

Senator KIM CARR: Is there a policy prohibition on discussing these matters with unions?

Ms Noble: No.

Mr Pezzullo: There would not be a policy prohibition. As I intimated in my earlier intervention, I am not sure we have been consulting with employer organisations as distinct from firms. That is the matter that Ms Noble will clarify.

*Answer:*

Please refer to BE15/004.