

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING : 23 May 2017

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(BE17/117) - Support to visa holders - Programme 2.3: Visas

Senator Roberts, Malcolm (L&CA 74) asked:

Senator ROBERTS: So really there are two areas to go to? In terms of someone who is traumatised, coming in on humanitarian grounds, that would go into assessing the job readiness programs, which is in the other department. But to assess the quality of immigration and the immigration processes, your department would be monitoring those other measures, wouldn't it?

Mr Pezzullo: Yes. The skills program, and Mr Wilden can give you either a very lengthy description or a brief description of how the points system works—and there goes the buzzer.

Senator ROBERTS: Saved by the bell!

Mr Wilden: Given the buzzer has gone, I might go the short version. In terms of selection processes, factors around age, English language et cetera come into constructing the points. We can provide on notice a detailed explanation of how those points work. Obviously with the skills base, if you are coming as an independent skilled applicant, the points apply to you and we can monitor through—we have a process called the continuous survey of migrants. Again, we can provide on notice some of those outcomes which highlight the different employment outcomes for people who come as independent, people who come as skilled, people who come on the employer sponsored programs and people who come under regional sponsored programs. It shows some of the figures you read out; it mirrors some of those, where coming directly into a job through employer sponsorship obviously has very high employment outcomes, down to the lower employment outcomes of the more disadvantaged such as refugee and humanitarian entrants.

Answer:

Continuous Survey of Australia's Migrants

The Continuous Survey of Australia's Migrants (CSAM), also called the survey of recent migrants to Australia, measures the labour market outcomes of family and skilled migrants who have recently arrived in Australia or been granted a permanent or provisional visa since 2009.

The results of CSAM are available on the Department's website at www.border.gov.au/about/reports-publications/research-statistics/research/live-in-australia/continuous-survey-of-australias-migrants-csam.