

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

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IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

**(BE17/133) - Legacy case-load - Talent Beyond Boundaries - Programme 2.4:
Refugee and Humanitarian Assistance**

Senator McKim, Nick (L&CA 89 and 90) asked:

Mr Wilden: Not specifically for the high bond. When the 12,000 places were announced, you may recall that a number of well-known businesspeople and organisations said, 'How can we contribute?' That work has evolved over recent years, and there are certainly a number of organisations and groups that have said they would like, as part of their social contract, to contribute more than just the provision of a job. Many of them do that already for standard refugee programs. So there is this work, plus other things happening in the global environment. I mentioned earlier a group called Talent Beyond Boundaries who have 8,000 refugees in their database that they have interviewed, where they have, if you like, their job skills, English language et cetera already identified, for people who may wish to bring in someone who would not meet the requirements for a skilled visa, for example, but has been found to be a refugee and may wish to come in to work in a sector. They may be a qualified mechanic back home and not a qualified mechanic here, but they can come and do an apprenticeship or whichever.

Senator McKIM: Are Talent Beyond Boundaries a social enterprise?

Mr Wilden: I would have to check their actual status.

Senator McKIM: It is just that I love social enterprises. That is all.

Answer:

According to open source searches, Talent Beyond Boundaries is a United States based non-profit organisation dedicated to linking the private sector to skilled refugees through a "talent catalogue". The catalogue is an online platform where refugees enter information about their work experience, education, and skills, which is made available to corporate partners who are interested in hiring refugees.