

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING : 22 May 2017**

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

**(BE17/242) - Date commenced work on developing the Temporary Skilled Shortage Visa - Programme 2.3: Visas**

Senator Carr, Kim (L&CA) written:

Provide the date when the department commenced work on developing the Temporary Skilled Shortage Visa.

*Answer:*

The development of the Temporary Skill Shortage visa is the next milestone in ongoing reforms to the temporary skilled migration programme which commenced with the Government's commissioning of an Independent Review into the Integrity in the Subclass 457 Programme in February 2014.