

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING : 22 May 2017

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(BE17/243) - Temporary skilled shortage visa Stakeholder consultation - Programme 2.3: Visas

Senator Carr, Kim (L&CA) written:

Provide a list of all other departments consulted on the Temporary Skilled Shortage Visa, the date those departments were consulted and the date those departments provided feedback.

Provide a list of all external stakeholders consulted on the Temporary Skilled Shortage Visa, the date those stakeholders were consulted and the date those stakeholders provided feedback.

Provide a list of stakeholders meetings attended by the Minister to discuss changes 457 program and the creation of the Temporary Skilled Shortage Visa

Answer:

The following departments were consulted and provided feedback on the Temporary Skill Shortage visa through inter-departmental meetings held on 30 January, 15 February, 23 February, and between 1 and 7 March 2017:

- Austrade
- Australian Taxation Office
- Attorney-General's Department
- Department of Agriculture and Water Resources
- Department of Education and Training
- Department of Employment
- Department of Finance
- Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade
- Department of Health
- Department of Human Services
- Department of Industry, Innovation and Science
- Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development
- Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet
- Department of Social Services
- Office of Best Practice Regulation
- The Treasury

State and Territory Governments also provided feedback via the Skilled Migration Officials Group (SMOG) on 28 April 2017. SMOG is the main forum for Commonwealth

and State/Territory governments to discuss skilled migration policy and includes representatives from:

- ACT Treasury and Economic Development Directorate
- NSW Department of Industry
- NT Department of Business and Employment
- QLD Treasury
- QLD Trade and Investment
- SA Department of State Development
- TAS Department of State Growth
- VIC Department of Economic Development Jobs, Transport and Resources
- WA Department of Training and Workforce Development
- WA Small Business Development Corporation.

Between 18 April to 23 May 2017, the following external stakeholders were consulted on the Temporary Skill Shortage visa through stakeholder roundtables:

- AAMRI
- Absolute Immigration
- Advanced Manufacturing Growth Centre
- Ajuria Lawyers
- Allianz Australia Insurance Limited
- AlphaPharm (Mylan)
- Association of Australian Medical Research Institutes
- Astrazeneca
- Atlassian
- AusBiotech
- Australian Academy of Science
- Australian Advanced Manufacturing Council
- Australian Ballet
- Australian Chamber of Industry and Commerce
- Australian Computer Society
- Australian Cyber Security Growth Network
- Australian Federation of Employers and Industries
- Australian Hotels Association
- Australian Industry Group
- Australian Information Industry Association
- Australian Institute of Marine and Power Engineers
- Australian Major Performing Arts Group
- Australian Manufacturing Workers Union
- Australian Meat Industry Council
- Australian Medical Association
- Australian Medical Students Association
- Australian Mines and Metals Association
- Australian National University, Crawford School of Public Policy
- Australian Pork
- Australian Retailers Association
- Australian Skilled Migration

- Australian Strategic Policy Institute
- Australian Tourism Export Council
- Australian Trainers Association
- Baker McKenzie
- BAL Global
- Bayer Australia Ltd
- BHP Billiton
- BioMelbourne Network
- Board of Airline Representatives of Australia
- Business Council of Australia
- Business Events Council of Australia
- Caitre'd
- Carman Associates
- Chemistry Australia
- Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO)
- Construction, Forestry, Mining and Energy Union
- Cope Migration
- Council of Small Business Australia
- CSL Limited
- Deloitte
- Electrical Trade Union
- Ernst & Young
- First Class Migration
- Fishburners
- Ford
- Fragomen (Australia)
- G8
- Gibson Lawyers
- Godolphin
- Hammond Taylor
- Healthscope
- Holly Byrne Migration
- IB Services
- Immigration Solutions
- Informed Solutions
- Infosys
- Innovation And Science Australia Board
- International Education Association of Australia
- KPMG
- Laing O'Rourke
- Law Council of Australia
- Law Council of Australia Migration Law Committee
- Law Institute of Australia
- Law Institute of Victoria
- Live Performance Australia
- Lowy Institute

- Maritime Industry Australia Limited
- Maritime Union of Australia
- Marsh Pty Ltd
- Master Builders Association
- Medicines Australia
- METS Ignited
- Michael Crouch Innovation Centre
- Migration Council of Australia
- Migration Institute of Australia
- MTPConnect
- National Research and Innovation Alliance
- Oasis Australia Migration Legal Services
- Peak Migration
- Price Waterhouse Cooper
- Queensland Department of Science, Information Technology and Innovation
- Racing Australia
- Restaurants and Catering Association
- Right Click Capital
- Santa Ferelo
- Sellanes Clark & Associates
- Southern Cross Alliance
- StartupAus
- Sydney Dance Company
- Sydney Symphony
- TAFE Directors Australia
- Tata Consultancy Services
- Taurus Legal
- Tech Sydney
- TEP Immigration Services
- Thoroughbred Breeders Australia
- Tourism and Transport Forum Australia
- Tourism Australia
- Trade and Investment Queensland
- TSS Group
- Universities Australia
- University of Canberra
- University Of Sydney
- VETASSESS
- Visa Lawyers Australia
- Walter and Eliza Hall Institute
- Wipro
- WiseTechGlobal

The Ministerial Advisory Council on Skilled Migration was consulted and provided input in respect of changes to the 457 programme.

The reforms were developed following a number of consultative processes, including the “Independent Review into Integrity in the Subclass 457 Programme” (the Azarias Review) in 2014, which met with over 150 stakeholders and received 189 written submissions.

The Department is aware that the Minister’s office consulted a range of stakeholders in development of the recently announced reforms to the subclass 457 programme. This includes consultation with representatives from the tourism, hospitality, manufacturing, business and other sectors. The Department does not have a list of these stakeholder meetings.