

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING : 22 June 2017

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(BE17/297) - Skilling Australians Fund - Programme 2.3: Visas

Senator Cameron, Doug (L&CA) written:

Skilling Australians Fund

Please outline the assumptions behind the modelling for the Skilling Australians Fund. Please include assumptions related to historical visa usage and any adjustment made to those estimates over the forwards, and the rationale for those adjustments.

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It is a longstanding practice not to disclose information about the operation and business of the Cabinet, as to do so could potentially reveal the deliberations of the Cabinet, which are confidential.

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All revenue collected by the Department of Immigration and Border Protection for this measure will be returned to Consolidated Revenue.

The Department of Education advises that from 2018-19 the Skilling Australians Fund will be equal to the revenue (from a levy on employers of foreign workers).

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