

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING : 19 October 2015

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(SE15/051) - Market testing for 457 Visa programs - Programme 2.3: Visas

Senator Carr, Kim (L&CA 118) asked:

Senator KIM CARR: Are you able to confirm for me that the minister has made a determination which specifies that the following categories of labour market testing will be exempt for 457 visa programs: executives and senior managers and managers as intercorporate transferees?

Mr Wilden: That sounds correct. I will confirm on notice, but I am happy to answer—

Senator KIM CARR: The specialists and the intracorporate transferees?

Mr Wilden: That sounds correct, yes.

Senator KIM CARR: Independent executives?

Mr Wilden: Yes.

Senator KIM CARR: Contractual service suppliers? Mr Wilden: Yes. They are standard classifications or groups of people that are usually presented in free trade agreements or articulated through the GATS.

Senator KIM CARR: And all these categories are in the China FTA?

Mr Wilden: They would be, I believe, but I will just check that.

Answer:

The following categories will be excluded by ministerial determination from Labour Market Testing (LMT) under the standard 457 programme as part of the China-Australia Free Trade Agreement:

- (i) Executives, Senior Managers and Managers as Intra-Corporate Transferees;
- (ii) Specialists as Intra-Corporate Transferees;
- (iii) Independent Executives; and
- (iv) Contractual Service suppliers.