

## **QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

### **SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING : 19 October 2015**

#### **IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO**

#### **(SE15/106) - Survey on Temporary Visa Holders - Programme 2.3: Visas**

Senator Carr, Kim (L&CA) written:

- Is the Department/Government undertaking a survey in respect to temporary visa holders?
  - o What is the survey's purpose?
  - o What questions are included?
  - o What is the timeline for the survey?
  - o Will the results be made public?
  - o If so, when?

*Answer:*

The Department of Immigration and Border Protection, in conjunction with the Department of Employment, is undertaking a research project on the Experiences of Temporary Residents. The project includes online surveys of visa-holders and employers.

The project aims to fill gaps in understanding about Australia's temporary residents including international students and graduates, working holiday makers, temporary workers, and their employers. It will support policy development and planning relating to temporary entrants.

The surveys include questions on the general experiences of temporary visa-holders in Australia and of businesses employing them; employment experiences and hiring practices; visa-holders' income and spending levels, accommodation and social connectedness; and information-sourcing and decision-making around visa choices.

The online survey work was conducted during September 2015.

It is anticipated that the project will be completed in early 2016, following which the final report with de-identified results will be publicly available.