

## **QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

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

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

**(SE15/107) – 457 Visa Training Fund - Programme 2.3: Visas**

Senator Carr, Kim (L&CA) written:

- The Department previously released a discussion paper on how to implement a 457 visa fee training fund.
  - o What is the status of this paper?
  - o When is the expected introduction of the training levy?
  - o Where will the money raised be directed to?

*Answer:*

The Department circulated the discussion paper – *457 Integrity Review: Training Fund Contribution* to key stakeholders on 21 July 2015. Stakeholders were invited to provide feedback on the proposal and written submissions to the discussion paper closed on 17 August 2015. The Department is working closely with the Department of Education and Training and other relevant government agencies on developing this measure for government consideration. Introduction of the levy will be subject to the passage of the Bills. Further detail will be released publicly before the measure is introduced.