

**SENATE EMPLOYMENT, WORKPLACE RELATIONS AND EDUCATION  
LEGISLATION COMMITTEE**

**2003-2004 ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING  
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**EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS PORTFOLIO**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**Outcome 2: Higher productivity, higher pay workplace**

**Output Group 2.2: Workplace relations implementation**

**Output 2.2.4: Workplace Relations Services**

**Question Number: W398-04**

**Question:**

Senator Johnston asked at *Hansard* page 109:

Is the Department aware of any problems with the graduate skilled visa expiring before TRA complete the processing of an application?

**Answer:**

The Department is aware of instances where visas may expire before TRA has completed the processing of an application.

A high proportion of these instances involve applicants who fail to meet the minimum requirements for TRA classification in a skilled occupation or who have submitted an incomplete application.

Whether or not these applicants might be eligible for extension or bridging visas is a matter determined by the Department of Immigration, Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs (DIMIA). This issue has been raised with DIMIA.