SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS

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Senator Fierravanti-Wells provided in writing.

Question

Pacific Guest Worker Scheme

Do the MoU's commit Australia to take in a minimum number of workers?

Answer

No.

Australia and the participating countries mutually consent to an upper number of visas. However, this is subject to labour market demand from Australian employers.