

**SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON
EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES 2008-09**

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Senator Fierravanti-Wells provided in writing.

Question

Pacific Guest Worker Scheme

What form of costs, if any, will be imposed on the workers themselves? Will there be any costs to the workers once they arrive in Australia?

Answer

Workers will need to meet the costs of: passport, visa, medical check and police checks before they come to Australia.

In Australia, workers will need to meet accommodation, food and incidentals. Additionally, employers may deduct money from workers' wages to pay for costs such as transport to work, private health insurance as well as half of the cost of bringing workers to Australia.