SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS

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Senator Fierravanti-Wells provided in writing.

Question

Pacific Guest Worker Scheme

Where the workers are located on a grower's property generally be several kilometres from a town is there any provision for transport of the workers to and fro [sic] to do shopping, recreational purposes etc?

Answer

Employers are responsible for Pacific seasonal workers' workplace care and pastoral care, including providing assistance with access to opportunities for recreation and religious observance. This may include provision of transport at reasonable cost to the worker for shopping and recreation purposes.