SENATE EMPLOYMENT, WORKPLACE RELATIONS AND EDUCATION LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

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EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS PORTFOLIO

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Outcome 1: An effectively functioning labour market

Output Group 1.1: Labour Market Policy and Analysis

Output 1.1.1: Policy advice

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Question:

Senator Webber asked at *Hansard* page 89-90:

- a) of the 110 Labour Agreements with employers and industry associations that were operational in 2002-03, how many provided for the recruitment of overseas workers to Western Australia? and
- b) how many were with the Western Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (WACCI)?
- c) of the 110 Labour Agreements that were operational in 2002-03, how many provided for the recruitment of trades persons such as fitters, metal fabricators, general electricians, welders and fertiliser engineers in Western Australia?

Answer:

- a) As many employers and industry associations operate across State and Territory borders it is not possible to determine the exact number of Labour Agreements that resulted in the recruitment of overseas workers to Western Australia. However, of the Labour Agreements operational in 2002-03, 16 were with Western Australian-based employers and 4 were with national industry associations which addressed the migration requirements of members in all States and Territories.
- b) The Commonwealth was not a signatory to any Labour Agreements with the WACCI or any other Western Australian-based industry associations in 2002-03.
- c) Of the 110 Labour Agreements operational in 2002-03, only one (1) had the potential to provide for the overseas recruitment of tradespersons and related workers to Western Australia and none provided for the recruitment of fertiliser engineers.