QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

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IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(41) Output 1.1: Migration and Temporary Entry

Senator Ludwig (L&CA 35) asked:

Why don't you take it on notice and have a look at the last couple of expos? You have provided data in question on notice No. 66 for the last three. Have you made projections for where you are going in 2007 or 2008, as the case may be in that financial year, and have you got responses from employers— depending on the amount of effort it takes; come back to the committee if it is a significant task—and industries that generate those responses that you are talking about; that is, that they are satisfied or recruiting? If you cannot correlate it right through to the actual granting of visas then the committee would be pleased to see what you are using to base these expenditures on.

Answer:

The expo programme for 2007-08 is currently under development. The key driver when deciding the locations of these expos is the views and needs of employers, industry bodies and state and territory governments. We have consulted with employers, state and territory governments who participated in the 2006-07 expos and with peak industry bodies on their preferred locations for future expos.